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Planning

South Midlands Connect to Work Programme (Milton Keynes Area)

Milton Keynes City Council

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Scope

Reference

2025-256

Description

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decentralised their model to allow for localism and areas to meet the needs of their demographic. Each LA has created their own delivery plan and grant cost register to feed into the regional ones.

We are keen to hear from providers on the following questions. Please respond to the attached document latest by 5pm on 7th October 2025 via In-Tend Correspondence section/market engagement stage.

If there is sufficient interest in a market engagement event to explore the proposal in more detail, this will be held on 14th October 2025, via Microsoft Teams. Please also indicate in your response to the Market Engagement if you would like to receive an invitation which will be sent separately subject to interest.

The Market Engagement document can be accessed on our e-tendering portal: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/milton-keynes/aspx/Home>

Total value (estimated)

- £1,520,000 excluding VAT
- £1,900,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80500000 - Training services

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 85300000 - Social work and related services

Contract locations

- UKJ12 - Milton Keynes

Engagement

Engagement deadline

7 October 2025

Engagement process description

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Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 November 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Milton Keynes City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLDZ-6131-PWZH

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Region: UKJ12 - Milton Keynes

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government