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Award

Development and Delivery of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council Labour Market Partnership Employability Academy 2025/2026

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

6050750

Description

ABC Council seeks to appoint a suitably qualified team to fully manage, coordinate and deliver an Employability Academy in 2025/2026 to support the local economy and support local people into employment. This intervention is an important strand under Strategic Priority 2 of the ABC LMP Action Plan 2025/2026: To improve employability outcomes and/or labour market conditions locally.

Collaborative bids which demonstrate experience are welcome. The successful delivery

partner or collaboration partners will have extensive experience in the field of engaging community and industry effectively to make a difference in Employability and Skills outcomes. This should include training provision relating to communication, skills and confidence building. Experience engaging with employers and/or the business community is also a requirement. Should demand/budget increase contractors must have the capacity to increase delivery.

Flexibility, creativity and adaptability will be of critical importance to achieve the desired outputs of this programme to help develop a pipeline of people with the right skills to meet industry needs

Contract 1. Development and Delivery of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council Labour Market Partnership Employability Academy 2025/2026

Supplier

- [DFPF Ltd t/a People 1st](#)

Contract value

- £84,180 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

17 September 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

26 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 29 September 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 31 December 2026
- 1 year, 3 months, 2 days

Description of possible extension:

To accommodate programme delivery in full

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 80570000 - Personal development training services

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
 - 79414000 - Human resources management consultancy services
 - 79600000 - Recruitment services
 - 79998000 - Coaching services
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Information about tenders

- 5 tenders received
 - 5 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 4 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 2 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 4 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Supplier

DFPF Ltd t/a People 1st

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Lurgan

BT66 8BB

United Kingdom

Email: p.mcevoy@people-1st.co.uk

Region: UKN07 - Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYMV-3527-LYNZ

Craigavon Civic & Conference Centre, 66 Lakeview Road

Craigavon

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKN07 - Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland