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Contract

Adult Skills Course Delivery

East Durham College

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-048731

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

East Durham College

Willerby Grove

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Contact

Joanne Wilson

Email

joanne.wilson@eastdurham.ac.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC - North East (England)

UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number)

10002111

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.edc.ac.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Adult Skills Course Delivery

Reference number

2024/S000-024313

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

East Durham College is looking to secure a maximum of two organisations to deliver adult education courses to people aged 19 years and over who live in postcodes within the

North East Combined Authority area.

The contract value will be based on an 80/20 split. The full contract value will be a maximum of £450,000 - Tenderers are invited to bid for the contract amount they can effectively deliver within the specified contract requirements, it will then be at the discretion of the College to determine the split of the contract award.

Adults must live in an address with a North East Combined Authority postcode, it is not the delivery location. Provision is expected to be part-time and must be linked to the North East LEP or LSIP Strategic Aims for each area. East Durham College is seeking provision which moves adults either directly into jobs or closer to the employment market. We will not accept large volumes of employability provision or distance learning. We would expect all the funded provision to be AEB funded and not Skills for Jobs.

The training must be delivered in full by the contracted training provider, i.e. only one level of sub-contracting is permitted, and no second level subcontracting is permitted. The quality of provision and subcontractor financial health will be paramount as the College will retain responsibility to the ESFA and OFSTED for programme quality. Financial health and inspection outcomes will form important parts of the assessment process, where a credit rating is above average we may reject their tender.

The estimated contract value reflects the funding value of learning to be delivered and will be subject to a management fee which will not exceed 20%.

Providers must have experience of delivering provision to meet local skills needs and be able to provide verified data in the following areas:

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Achievement rates which are above national averages

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High levels of positive progression into employment

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History of achieving contracts in the last two years

The positive progression must be into employment, further learning or improved prospects. We are not looking to deliver generic employability programmes.

We will only look to contract with providers who have a history of delivering in the North East and they must have a permanent base in County Durham, Sunderland or

Gateshead.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £450,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

You are invited to tender for the provision of Adult Skills Course Delivery, commencing September 2024 to 31st July 2025.

Tenderers are asked to confirm their intention to Tender for this Contract by 'Registering their Intent' to Joanne Wilson at joanne.wilson@eastdurham.ac.uk, procurement@eastdurham.ac.uk

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

7 October 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Learning Curve Group

Durham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

Companies House

05233487

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £200,000

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7 October 2024

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Number of tenders received: 9

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V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Utraining Limited

Newcastle Upon Tyne

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

Companies House

11518429

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £250,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

East Durham College

Durham

Country

United Kingdom