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Tender

Thames Freeport Skills Programme - Capital Expenditure Funding

THAMES FREEPORT LIMITED

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Scope

Description

The Thames Freeport Skills Programme aims to build the capacity of the local skills and employment system to respond to the specific skills challenges and opportunities within the Thames Freeport area. The programme supports innovation, collaboration and growth in skills provision that aligns with the Freeport's wider ambitions to enhance productivity, drive inward investment and support local people to access high-quality jobs and careers.

The fund is designed to support, improvement of existing facilities or development of new facilities in order to deliver innovative programmes to align with the Thames Freeport priorities. Applicants must clearly define the outcomes they intend to deliver as a result of the capex investment and explain how Thames Freeport Skills Programme funding will enable those outcomes to be achieved, as well as how other existing funding sources will be leveraged.

Projects funded through this fund will be known collectively as the Thames Freeport Skills Programme.

Following the recent procurement exercise no bids were successful for the for lot 3 - Capex investment to enhance local FE and HE capacity. We have therefore taken the

decision to re-tender the lot as its own procurement using a Competitive Flexible Procedure (CFP).

We are seeking bids that will enhance delivery capacity in either Further Education (FE) or Higher Education (HE), and in the TFP priority sector of sustainable construction, which may include the use of modern methods of construction.

Further Details can be found in the attached document

The ITT will be available through a central digital platform, as required under the Procurement Act 2023. This ensures transparency in procurement route and regulations applicable. The ITT will be published on the Find a Tender platform.

In accordance with the Procurement Act 2023, notices and award details will be published on the Find a Tender platform. Contract KPIs, award notices, and performance tracking will also be disclosed where applicable.

This procurement is being conducted by Matt Hamnett & Associates Ltd, trading as MH&A. Company number: 11197120. Registered address: 1a Kingsbury's Lane, Ringwood, England, BH24 1EL. MH&A will act as the Contracting Authority for the purposes of this procurement and will enter into contract(s) with the successful supplier(s).

Due to administrative limitations, the procurement notice is being published via the Thames Freeport (TFP) buyer account on the UK Government's Find a Tender platform. This is to ensure compliance with public procurement regulations, as the funding for this contract is grant-funded and subject to public authority oversight.

However, all procurement activities, including supplier engagement, evaluation, and contract award and any prevailing contracts are being administered by MH&A. Bidders should direct all communications, clarifications, and submissions as instructed in this notice and the procurement documents

Total value (estimated)

- £416,666.67 excluding VAT
- £500,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 19 November 2025 to 18 November 2028
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80500000 - Training services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

10 October 2025, 12:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

17 October 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

skills@thamesfreeport.com

Tenders may be submitted electronically

No

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

12 November 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical	Project rationale, outcomes and strategic alignment with Thames Freeport objectives Delivery capability and relevant track record Delivery plan	Quality	70%
Budget and value for money	VfM narrative Budget (total cost)	Cost	20%
Social value	Project rationale, outcomes and strategic alignment with Thames Freeport objectives Delivery capability and relevant track record Delivery plan	Quality	10%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

This procurement is being conducted under the Competitive Flexible Procedure (CFP) in accordance with the Public Procurement Act 2023. The CFP allows contracting authorities to design and apply a procedure that is flexible, proportionate, and tailored to the nature and requirements of the procurement.

The current process is structured as a single-stage ITT. However, the contracting authority reserves the right to introduce additional stages if considered necessary to ensure a fair, transparent, and robust assessment of bids. In particular, the authority may require:

- Supplier Presentations - to allow bidders to present their proposals, demonstrate capability, and respond to clarifications.
- Dialogue / Clarification Sessions - to explore specific aspects of the bids in further detail, address any uncertainties, and ensure that final tenders fully meet the stated requirements.

Should these stages be introduced, all bidders who have submitted a compliant ITT response will be invited to participate, and sufficient notice will be provided. The contracting authority will ensure that any additional stages are conducted in a fair and transparent manner, with all bidders treated equally.

Where further stages are introduced, the timelines and any score weighting adjustments will be communicated in advance and updated accordingly to reflect the revised evaluation process.

Reduced tendering period

Yes

Pre-selected tenderers - utilities contract or not central government - minimum 10 days

Documents

Associated tender documents

[TFP Skills Programme - Capital Expenditure Funding - CFP.pdf](#)

Contracting authority

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