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Contract

Re-opening of the South Ayrshire Local Employability Partnership (SALEP) Trusted Partner Flexible Framework Agreement (FFA)

South Ayrshire Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

South Ayrshire Council

County Buildings, Wellington Square

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KA7 1DR

Email

procurement@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 3001230900

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM94 - South Ayrshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/procurement/>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00405

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Re-opening of the South Ayrshire Local Employability Partnership (SALEP) Trusted Partner Flexible Framework Agreement (FFA)

Reference number

CE-13-24

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80521000 - Training programme services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

South Ayrshire Council are re-opening the South Ayrshire Local Employability Partnership (SALEP) Trusted Partner Flexible Framework Agreement (FFA) and are seeking submissions from suitably qualified and experienced training providers, the third sector and other organisations to supplement its existing Flexible Framework Agreement to deliver all-age, person-centred programme of support to those looking to gain the relevant skills and knowledge to progress to meaningful, sustainable employment.

The previously advertised Flexible Framework Agreement, which commenced on 26th November 2025, allows for re-opening to new Service Providers / Training Providers.

The scope of the Flexible Framework falls within the 'Social and Other Specific Services' category and is subject to the procurement regimes set out under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

As such, this "Light Touch Regime" allows a flexible approach which will permit New Entrants to submit tender offers for inclusion of Services on the FFA.

In accordance with its terms, the FFA is now being re-opened for New Entrants to be admitted under the same requirements as the original tender exercise and as noted herein.

If you are a Service Provider / Training Provider who is already appointed to the Flexible

Framework Agreement, you are NOT required to resubmit to remain on the FFA.

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: £280,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 80521000 - Training programme services
- 80570000 - Personal development training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM94 - South Ayrshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: 100% Quality / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

Contract No

CE-13-24

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 September 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 8

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 8

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 8

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 8

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce & Industry

The Mezzanine, Prestwick International Airport

Prestwick

KA9 2PL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CEiS Ayrshire

26 Eglinton Street

Irvine

KA12 8AS

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

HSC Futures Ltd

75 London Road

Kilmarnock

KA3 7BP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM - Scotland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Impact Arts

319 Craigpark Drive, Dennistoun

Glasgow

G31 2TB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

KO-NEKT (Childcare) CIC

KO-NEKT Business Hub, 2 Vernon St

Saltcoats

K215HN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Verg Ltd

Suite 3.9, 7 Scott Street

Motherwell

ML1 1PN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £280,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(SC Ref:812271)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Ayr Sheriff Court

Ayr

Country

United Kingdom