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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

Ayr

KA7 1DR

#### **Email**

[procurement@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto: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](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

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## **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

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## **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**

Notice number: [2025/S 000-018230](#)

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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

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## **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