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Planning

Lancashire Adult Skills Framework

Lancashire Combined County Authority

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Scope

Description

Lancashire County Combined Authority (LCCA) is seeking to establish an Adult Skills open Framework to deliver skills training provision for the whole of Lancashire.

It is intended to establish an open framework for a duration of eight years which will be re-opened to competition periodically.

The framework will be established under the provisions of the light touch provisions under the Procurement Act 2023.

The framework will initially cover Adult Skills Fund and Skills Bootcamps. There may also be future provision under other initiatives or funding streams.

LCCA is the lead contracting authority for the framework overall and Adult Skills Fund. Lancashire County Council will be the contracting authority for Skills Bootcamps. The framework will also allow call-offs by Blackpool Council and Blackburn with Darwen Council.

It is intended that suppliers who are successfully appointed to the framework following conclusion of the anticipated procurement procedure, will participate in further call-off

procedures in order to award call-off contract for skills training delivery.

The market engagement event is for providers who deliver or wish to deliver adult skills training within Lancashire.

- This exercise is for information only.

- Any organisation who participates (or non-participates) in this event will neither be advantaged nor disadvantaged in the procurement process. Any information provided at this event will be made available to all suppliers during any future procurement process.

Any dates provided within this notice are purely indicative and should not be construed as notice of a procurement or contract. Should the LCCA decide to proceed with any procurement process, further notices will be published via this platform and will contain relevant details and timescales as required under the Procurement Act 2023.

Any contract value published within this notice are estimated values total contract values, provided strictly for information only and are subject to confirmation of funding. Value may be revised up or down. There is no guarantee of business or award of call-off contract.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £150,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKD4 - Lancashire

Engagement

Engagement deadline

30 October 2025

Engagement process description

Join Us - Procurement Market Engagement Event to include, ASF & Skills

We're pleased to invite you to a face-to-face market engagement event hosted by the Lancashire Skills and Employment Hub, part of the Lancashire Combined County Authority ahead of the launch of Lancashire's Open Framework covering Adult Skills Fund and Skills Bootcamps.

Date: Thursday, 30 October 2025

Time: Arrivals from 9:30am, start 10am, 12pm close

Venue: Farrington Lodge, Stanfield Lane, Preston, PR25 3RJ

Tickets: Available via Ticket Tailor using the link below

<https://buytickets.at/lancashireskillsandemploymenthub/1907585>

Please note maximum of two attendees per organisation

This event will provide a detailed briefing on:

- The procurement process and timeline
- The scope and structure of the upcoming framework
- Next steps for interested providers

It's a valuable opportunity to hear from the commissioning team and fellow providers, gain clarity on the framework, and prepare for the upcoming tender.

Refreshments including tea, coffee and pastries will be served.

If you have any dietary or accessibility requirements, please contact us at lancsskillshub@lancashireskillshub.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming you and working together to deliver high-impact skills provision across Lancashire.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

30 October 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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