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Award

Cumbria Connect to Work (CtW) Programme

Cumberland Council

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Scope

Description

The Cumbria Connect to Work Programme is being commissioned for the Cumberland Council and the Westmorland and Furness Council and will be delivered by Enterprising Cumbria for the whole county, an initiative from the Department for Work and Pensions.

Cumberland Council, the lead on the procurement and also the Accountable Body for this programme, advertised a procurement opportunity to seek a Service Coordinator who will manage Connect to work with delivery partners across Cumbria (Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council areas).

This procurement has concluded and the contract is to be awarded to the successful provider to carry out this programme across Cumbria.

This contract will be awarded to start on 31st October 2025 and terminate on 31st March 2028. There is the potential for two contract extensions of up to 12 months each, depending on both the success in achieving the required outcomes and availability of further funding, which could lead to the contract ending on 31st March 2030. The total value, including the possible extensions, is £9,883,966 excluding VAT.

Bids were evaluated and moderated according to the criteria as set out in the Invitation to Tender.

From the date of this notice and in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023, the council will be observing a standstill period of 8 working days before entering into any contract.

Contract 1. Cumbria Connect to Work (CtW) Programme

Supplier

- INSPIRA (01)

Contract value

- £9,883,966 excluding VAT
- £11,860,759 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

21 October 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

21 October 2025

Standstill period

- End: 30 October 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 October 2025 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 5 months, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

There is the potential for two contract extensions of up to 12 months each, depending on both the success in achieving the required outcomes and availability of further funding.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75110000 - General public services
- 75131000 - Government services
- 75200000 - Provision of services to the community
- 79600000 - Recruitment services

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 98200000 - Equal opportunities consultancy services

Contract locations

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Information about tenders

- 9 tenders received
- 9 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 4 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 8 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Unsuccessful suppliers

- [AJ TRAINING ACADEMY LIMITED](#)
- [ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY & TRAINING LTD](#)
- [FEDCAP EMPLOYMENT LIMITED](#)
- [G4S LIMITED](#)
- [INGEUS UK LIMITED](#)
- [STANDGUIDE LIMITED](#)

- [THE WISE GROUP](#)
- [PEOPLE FIRST INDEPENDENT ADVOCACY](#)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

AJ TRAINING ACADEMY LIMITED

- Companies House: 12709620
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDYX-4991-BQDR

12a Selby Terrace

Maryport

CA15 6NF

United Kingdom

Website: <http://www.ajtrainingacademy.com/>

Region: UKD11 - West Cumbria

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY & TRAINING LTD

- Companies House: 07790209
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBMQ-4124-CQCG

5 St Johns Lane

London

EC1M 4BH

United Kingdom

Website: <http://www.attrain.com>

Region: UKI43 - Haringey and Islington

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

FEDCAP EMPLOYMENT LIMITED

- Companies House: 11842787
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWNX-2652-BMMT

Boaz House, Massey Road,

Thornaby, Stockton-On-Tees

TS17 6EX

United Kingdom

Website: <https://fedcap.org.uk/employment/>

Region: UKC11 - Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

G4S LIMITED

- Companies House: 04992207
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRPP-4626-DRHY

6th Floor 50 Broadway

London

SW1H 0DB

United Kingdom

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

INGEUS UK LIMITED

- Companies House: 04320853
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQWB-9993-TBMX

Second Floor, 66-68 East Smithfield

London

E1W 1AW

United Kingdom

Website: <http://ingeus.co.uk>

Region: UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

INSPIRA (01)

- Companies House: 04182567
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTZY-3871-WMVL

Castle View Gillan Way

Penrith

CA11 9BP

United Kingdom

Email: daniel.carter@inspira.org.uk

Website: <http://www.inspira.org.uk>

Region: UKD12 - East Cumbria

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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PEOPLE FIRST INDEPENDENT ADVOCACY

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDBV-9653-DJVX

People First Conference Centre, Milbourne Street, Carlisle, CA2 5XB, UK

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CA2 5XB

United Kingdom

Region: UKD12 - East Cumbria

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

STANDGUIDE LIMITED

- Companies House: 02563257

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXVG-4195-YZCQ

Unit G.01 Clarence Arcade

Ashton-Under-Lyne

OL6 7PT

United Kingdom

Website: <http://www.standguide.co.uk>

Region: UKD35 - Greater Manchester South East

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

THE WISE GROUP

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCRY-2173-GLGX

62 Templeton Street, Templeton Business Centre, Third Floor Doges, Glasgow, G40 1DA, UK

Glasgow

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United Kingdom

Region: UKM82 - Glasgow City

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contracting authority

Cumberland Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJGX-9191-DYLV

Cumbria House, 107-117 Botchergate

Carlisle

CA1 1RD

United Kingdom

Email: peopleprocurement@cumbria.gov.uk

Region: UKD12 - East Cumbria

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government