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Award

North Northamptonshire Council - Specialist Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship Programme (Level 5)

North Northamptonshire Council

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Scope

Reference

NNC00000691

Description

North Northamptonshire Council ("The Council") conducted a procurement exercise through an Open procedure to find a suitably qualified and experienced provider for the Specialist Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship Programme, capable of delivering the Level 5 Specialist Teaching Assistant apprenticeship (ST1414) to members of existing staff.

The Provider will work in partnership with the Council's Learning and Development team to ensure a high-quality training programme that enables staff to utilise the latest, innovative practices and supports career progression within the current workforce, particularly to support special educational needs and disability (SEND) provision. Over the contract period, the Council expect to enrol up to 40 apprentices onto the Level 5 Specialist Teaching Assistant apprenticeship programme

The purpose is to enable career progression within the current workforce and to support

with qualifying and retaining staff. This is a new apprenticeship standard approved in September 2024 and therefore has not been procured previously.

The Council proposes to enter into one (1) Contract for an initial period of 48 (forty-eight) months plus an optional 24 (twenty-four) month extension period with the successful Supplier, which includes the EPA period.

Contract 1

Supplier

- The Recalvi Enterprise Ltd

Contract value

- £480,000 excluding VAT
- £576,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

20 October 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

4 November 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 10 November 2025 to 9 November 2029
- Possible extension to 9 November 2031
- 6 years

Description of possible extension:

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Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKF25 - North Northamptonshire

Information about tenders

- 18 tenders received
- 18 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 14 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- 5 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 17 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Light touch

Supplier

The Recalvi Enterprise Ltd

64 Southbridge Road

London

SE1 0AS

United Kingdom

Email: rafiq.rahman@apprenticeshipconnect.co.uk

Region: UKI44 - Lewisham and Southwark

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

North Northamptonshire Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQCM-5634-HGCN

The Corby Cube, George Street

Corby

NN17 1QG

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@northnorthants.gov.uk

Region: UKF25 - North Northamptonshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government