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Tender

Education Durham Select List of Specialist Providers

Durham County Council

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Scope

Reference

001815

Description

This Agreement ("the Contract") is for a Select List of multiple external consultants who will be called on by Education Durham to provide support to Durham schools when required; to ensure the highest quality opportunities and outcomes for all children and young people in County Durham.

The Select List being proposed here is to establish ways of supporting the work of Education Durham by supporting Durham Primary and Secondary schools/academies, with the following deliverables:

- Delivery of School Leadership Advisors visits and Head Teacher Performance Management within schools.
- providing guidance relating to Subject specific and/or areas of school improvement, including supporting schools in their self-evaluation through, for instance, work scrutiny;

- planning and delivering courses and in-school contracts relating to Subject specific and/or areas of school;
- providing as required, support to improve teaching through coaching and modelling best practice
- supporting schools to ensure consistency of progression and inclusion;
- Supporting schools to challenge underperformance in teaching wherever encountered.
- Complete and evaluate in school contracts and training events
- Participation in Education Durham planning and development activities, evaluated by Lead Advisors and Strategic Managers
- planning and delivering courses and in-school contracts relating to Subject specific and/or areas of school;

The need for additional support can be for a variety of reasons including, impending Ofsted Inspections, outcomes of an Ofsted Inspection resulting Schools being rated as "special measures" or "requires improvement".

This is an open arrangement where suppliers can bid during the lifetime of the contract.

The Council makes no guarantee to any Provider that they will be awarded any work under this Select Provider List and no guarantee is made in respect of any volume of work under any such agreement, or in aggregate under the contract. The Contract provides for no form of exclusivity and the Council is at all times entitled to enter into other contracts and agreements with other Providers for the provision of any of these Services.

Each Provider should understand that their submission constitutes an acceptance to the Council of the terms of the Contract. The contract affords the Provider merely the opportunity to respond to an invitation from the Council for the provision of services.

This is an Open list that allows for submissions to be received throughout the duration of the contract.

Total value (estimated)

- £540,000 excluding VAT

- £648,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2026 to 1 March 2027
- Possible extension to 1 March 2029
- 3 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

2 X 12 Months Allowable Extensions subject to commissioner and budget approval.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKC14 - Durham CC

Participation

This procurement is reserved for

- UK suppliers
- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSEs)

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Tender submission deadline

5 December 2025, 10:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.open-uk.org/>

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

The opportunity is awarded based on pass fail criteria with 2 independent sets of 2 questions depending on the role they are applying for in the opportunity.

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Special regime

Light touch

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://www.open-uk.org/>

tender documents can be accessed free of charge at <https://www.open-uk.org/>

Technical specifications to be met

<https://www.open-uk.org/>

Document 3a. Specification

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government