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Contract

Flexible Framework for Outdoor Education Centres - Entry Point 4

North Lanarkshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

North Lanarkshire Council

Civic Centre, Windmillhill Street

Motherwell

ML1 1AB

Email

corporateprocurement@northlan.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM84 - North Lanarkshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00010

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Flexible Framework for Outdoor Education Centres - Entry Point 4

Reference number

NLC-CPT-20-058 (EP4)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The National guidance document “Curriculum for Excellence through Outdoor Learning” Education Scotland states: “the journey through education for any child in Scotland must include opportunities for a series of planned, quality outdoor learning experiences”

enabling our children and young people to be successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens, one of the national outcomes which lies at the heart of the Curriculum for Excellence.

The Council have already established a Flexible Framework (see https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/show/search_view.aspx?ID=NOV399554) with multiple Service Providers who offer a multi-day outdoor education experience, with residential stay, for groups of school pupils. The Council have 155 Educational establishments who could potentially use this Framework.

The original Framework was setup for 10 years, with included annual entry points to allow new Providers to apply to join the Framework, this would enable the Council to maintain capacity and choice.

This notice is for Entry Point 4, which is applicable for any potential provider and/or setting that is not already on the Framework.

This contract award procedure is being carried out in accordance with The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, Regulation 74.

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: £15,500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80100000 - Primary education services
- 80340000 - Special education services
- 80200000 - Secondary education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Please see ITT specification

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In accordance with The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, Regulation 74, the Council have established a Flexible Framework with Service Providers / Outdoor Education Centres who can provide a package for groups of pupils that comprises: activity based learning with residential stay.

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The Flexible Framework is for multiple years, and the Council have included options for additional Service Providers to apply to join the Framework at future intervals - this is Entry Point 4.

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Key Objectives is to meet the curriculum objectives previously mentioned in II.1.4)
Description of the procurement.

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Prospective Service Providers should be able to offer a range of activities that caters for pupils of all abilities and confidence levels. The residential element should include catering. Venue based transport would be required if travel is needed to go between accommodation and activity location.

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The Council's school term is August through June; packages should be available during this period.

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Further to this overview, a detailed specification is contained within the main Invitation to Tender (ITT) document which is accessible (and downloadable) from the Buyer Attachment area within the PCS-T Tendering System.

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The Framework must be carried out in accordance with the information provided within this Contract Notice and the following documents contained within the PCS-T Tendering System; Invitation to Tender (ITT) and the Framework Agreement and Call-Off Terms and Conditions.

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Tenderers must respond to a series of Selection Questions within the PCS-T Qualification Envelope;

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Tenderers must download and complete a range of Award Questions and Statements located within the PCS-T Technical Envelope;

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Tenderers must download and complete a Pricing Schedule located within the PCS-T Commercial Envelope.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE EXCLUSION GROUNDS:

Economic Operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of situations referred to in Regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.10) Identification of the national rules applicable to the procedure

Information about national procedures is available at:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2015/446/part/2/chapter/3/crossheading/social-and-other-specific-services>

IV.1.11) Main features of the award procedure

Further entry points adhere to the same Tender Application process:

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Single-stage procedure.

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Tender Application: Tenderers must complete an SPD and provide proposals for Service Delivery. Tenders must be submitted via PCS-T only.

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Tender responses will be scored by a tender evaluation panel from within the Council.

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IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2025/S 000-052771](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 November 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Benmore Outdoor Centre - City of Edinburgh Council

Benmore, Dunoon

Argyll

PA23 8QX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Lagganlia Outdoor Centre, The City of Edinburgh Council

Experience Outdoors, Lagganlia Outdoor Centre, Feshie Bridge

Kincraig

PH21 1NG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM62 - Inverness & Nairn and Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £15,500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

TENDERERS PLEASE NOTE: Police Scotland identified a number of business areas which have a high risk of infiltration by Serious and Organised Crime groups; this contract belongs to one such area and as such the Authority reserves the right to include enhanced probity checks prior to any contract award, including sharing tenderer information with Police Scotland.

The tender pack includes a schedule for the Declaration of non-involvement in serious organised crime; this is a mandatory tender submission requirement for all tenderers.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Scottish Courts

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

An economic operator that suffers, or is at risk of suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014, may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.