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Tender

Flexible Framework for Vocational and Skill Based Interventions

North Lanarkshire Council

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

North Lanarkshire Council

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ML1 1AB

Email

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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.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/esop/pts-host/public/pts/web/login.html>

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 Vocational and Skill Based Interventions

Reference number

NLC-CPT-25-111

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

North Lanarkshire Council (the “Council”) propose to establish a Flexible Framework Agreement with multiple external learning Contractors to deliver vocational and skill-based interventions across a variety of subject areas. Provision will be accessible to all North Lanarkshire schools however is primarily sought for senior phase pupils (S4-S6).

The aim of this Framework is to enhance the employability skills and post school pathways that will better equip our young people for the world of work. A significant focus of this framework will be to ensure adequate specialist provision is available for our schools and programmes supporting pupils from priority and target groups.

The proposed Framework duration is 4 years. There will be annual entry points to allow new applicants to join the Framework for academic years 2026-27, 2027-28, and 2028-29. This framework will not include vocational and skills-based interventions delivered by further education colleges/universities or any provision delivered under school college partnership arrangements.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80200000 - Secondary education services
- 80340000 - Special education services
- 80212000 - Vocational secondary education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM8 - West Central Scotland

Main site or place of performance

North Lanarkshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In accordance with The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, Regulation 74, the Council is seeking to put in place a Flexible Framework Agreement with multiple external learning Contractors for the provision of vocational education and skill-based courses for young people across all of North Lanarkshire's school establishments.

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The primary aim of this framework is to enhance the curricular offering linked to young people's employability skills and post school pathways, that will better equip our young people for the world of work.

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A key focus of this provision will be on young people pursuing well designed study courses that:

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-better equips young people for the world of work

-meets their clear career aspirations linked to local labour market information

- develop meta skills identified by employers as essential when recruiting young people
- equip young people with the experiences and attributes to develop their employability skills
- have a strong focus on work related learning and occupational development.
- are levelled in the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) e.g. City and Guilds, Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA), Business and Technology Education Council (BTEC), Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI)

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The offering will focus on the following areas:

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- Universal Offer – Mainstream Pupils
- Additional Offer – ASN Pupils
- Intensive Offer – Vulnerable Pupils

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Desirable subject areas for these pupils include however is not exhaustive:

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- Acting & Theatre Performance
- Automotive Engineering
- Beauty Care
- Civil Engineering
- Construction
- Creative Digital Media
- Dance
- Digital Game Development

- Early Learning & Childcare
- Employability Skills
- Engineering
- Food & Drink Technology
- Hairdressing
- Health & Safety
- Health & Social Care
- Hospitality
- It Hardware
- IT Software
- Make Up Artistry
- Music Technology
- Professional Cookery
- Rural, Horticultural & Outdoor Skills
- Scientific Technologies
- Sensory Arts
- Sound Production
- Sports Development
- Uniformed Service

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Tenderers may make proposals for courses in one or more subject areas if they are an approved/accredited centre within a recognised skills sector and have delivery staff/trainers with relevant qualifications to deliver to school pupils within their sector.

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Contractors must be available to deliver courses during the Council's academic year: August – June.

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Full information on the Details of Requirements to be applied within the Framework Agreement are detailed in ITT Annex 1 available via the Buyers Areas within PCS-Tender.

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000

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

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Full details of the objective rules and criteria for participation are contained within the ITT document. Please refer to I.3 Communication within this Notice.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Please refer to the ITT documentation for all contract performance conditions.

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreementThe Framework is for a maximum of 4 years. There has a flexible approach and annual entry points to allow new applicants to join the Framework for academic years 2026-27, 2027-28, and 2028-29..

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

Single-stage procedure.

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Tenders must be submitted via PCS-T only.

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Further entry points will adhere to the same Tender Application process.

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IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

9 December 2025

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 30479.
For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363>

Community benefits are included in this requirement. For more information see:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/public-sector-procurement/community-benefits-in-procurement/>

A summary of the expected community benefits has been provided as follows:

Refer to Annex 2 of the ITT Document located within the PCS-Tender for further information on the Councils Community Benefit expectations within the Framework Agreement.

(SC Ref:814144)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Scottish Courts, Edinburgh, UK

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/the-courts/court-locations/hamilton-sheriff-court>

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

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.

