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Award

Connect to Work

East Midlands Combined County Authority

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Scope

Reference

DN785306

Description

The recently launched "Get Britain Working" White Paper outlines Government's strategy to invest £240m to support the ambition of a national 80% employment rate and help improve workplace health and keep people in work, including trials of combined public services for those out of work due to ill health. Connect to Work is the first major element of the Get Britain Working Strategy.

By encouraging join-up between health systems and employment support, Connect to Work will support those, primarily, currently outside the workforce and facing greater labour market disadvantages, to stay in work and get back into work. In turn, supporting the Government's ambition for a more inclusive economy, supporting local people to realise their potential and supporting local and national growth.

Connect to Work funding will support around 100,000 disabled people with health conditions and those with complex barriers to get into employment and on in work. In the

East Midlands, Connect to Work will support 12,243 residents across the entirety of the programme.

The East Midlands Combined Authority is the Accountable Body for Connect to Work in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire and, working in partnership with the four constituent local authorities, is responsible for the commissioning of Connect to Work delivery.

Connect to Work is a voluntary programme, delivering the evidence-based Supported Employment model, 'place, train, and maintain', via two different types of interventions based on the needs of the participant - Individual Placement and Support (IPS) and Supported Employment Quality Framework (SEQF).

Delivery is split into 2 Lots, as follows:

Lot 1 IPS only Derby City / Derbyshire

Lot 2 IPS & SEQF Nottingham City & Nottinghamshire

Lot 1. Lot 1- IPS - Derby City & Derbyshire

Description

The Connect to Work delivery partner will deliver IPS to participants resident across all areas of Derby City and Derbyshire. The aim is to enable participants to secure and sustain paid, competitive employment by providing person-centred support that respects individual aspirations. This will support residents to improve their health, independence, and social inclusion while also working towards the regional and national target of 80% of working age people being in employment.

Lot 2. Lot 2-IPS & SEQF-Nottingham & Nottinghamshire

Description

The Connect to Work delivery partner will deliver IPS and SEQF to participants resident across all areas of Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire. The aim is to enable participants to secure and sustain paid, competitive employment by providing person-centred support that respects individual aspirations. This will support residents to improve their health, independence, and social inclusion while also working towards the regional and national target of 80% of working age people being in employment.

Contract 1. Lot 1-IPS Only-Derby City & Derbyshire

Lots

Lot 1. Lot 1- IPS - Derby City & Derbyshire

Supplier

- REED IN PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

Contract value

- £12,200,000 excluding VAT
- £14,640,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

1 December 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

1 December 2025

Standstill period

- End: 12 December 2025
- 9 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

2 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 January 2026 to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 2 months, 30 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75131000 - Government services
- 79634000 - Career guidance services

- 80521000 - Training programme services

Contract locations

- UKF1 - Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire
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Contract 2. Lot 2-IPS & SEQF-Nottinghamshire & Nottingham City

Lots

Lot 2. Lot 2-IPS & SEQF-Nottingham & Nottinghamshire

Supplier

- ASURIA PEOPLE SERVICES (UK) LIMITED

Contract value

- £20,400,000 excluding VAT
- £24,480,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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Information about tenders

Lot 1. Lot 1- IPS - Derby City & Derbyshire

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

- [Derby City Council](#)
 - [INGEUS UK LIMITED](#)
 - [MAXIMUS UK SERVICES LIMITED](#)
 - [STANDGUIDE LIMITED](#)
 - [SHAW TRUST LIMITED\(THE\)](#)
 - [WORKPAYS LIMITED](#)
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Lot 2. Lot 2-IPS & SEQF-Nottingham & Nottinghamshire

- 11 tenders received
- 8 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 3 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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

- [INGEUS UK LIMITED](#)
 - [MAXIMUS UK SERVICES LIMITED](#)
 - [SHAW TRUST LIMITED\(THE\)](#)
 - [COMMUNITY TRAINING PORTAL LIMITED](#)
 - [EAST MIDLANDS CHAMBER \(DERBYSHIRE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, LEICESTERSHIRE\)](#)
 - [QDOS TRAINING LIMITED](#)
 - [THE GROWTH COMPANY LIMITED](#)
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Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Suppliers

ASURIA PEOPLE SERVICES (UK) LIMITED

- Companies House: 12855245
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLRM-8617-ZTCW

6th Floor 9 Appold Street

London

EC2A 2AP

United Kingdom

Email: kevin.browne@asuria.com.au

Website: <http://www.asuria.com.au>

Region: UKI41 - Hackney and Newham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Associated people/organisations:

Standguide - Clarence Arcade, Stamford Street Central, Ashton-Under-Lyne, England, OL6 7PT

PeoplePlus - The Quorum, Bond Street South, Bristol, BS1 3AE,

Futures: 57 Maid Marian Way, Nottingham, NG1 6GE,

Better Health Generation - Building 4 Foundation Park, Maidenhead, SL6 3UD,

Transform & Achieve: 61 Hayes Lane, Kenley, CR8 5JR,

Earlybird (part of Career Ear)-International House, London, SW9 7QD,

Contract 2. Lot 2-IPS & SEQF-Nottinghamshire & Nottingham City

COMMUNITY TRAINING PORTAL LIMITED

- Companies House: 05096438
- UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number): 10020068

260-270 Butterfield Great Marlings

Luton

LU2 8DL

United Kingdom

Website: <https://ctportal.org/>

Region: UKH21 - Luton

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Derby City Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQVM-1383-ZBXP

The Council House - Corporation Street

Derby

DE1 2FS

United Kingdom

Website: <https://www.derby.gov.uk/>

Region: UKF11 - Derby

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

EAST MIDLANDS CHAMBER (DERBYSHIRE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, LEICESTERSHIRE)

- Companies House: 01785710
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCRV-4774-RGLX

Commerce House Millennium Way

Chesterfield

S41 8ND

United Kingdom

Website: <https://www.emc-dnl.co.uk>

Region: UKF12 - East Derbyshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

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

MAXIMUS UK SERVICES LIMITED

- Companies House: 09072343
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTZH-8512-MRCL

18c Meridian East

Leicester

LE19 1WZ

United Kingdom

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

Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

QDOS TRAINING LIMITED

- Companies House: 06012731
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PTNJ-6991-WVCJ

Byron House

Mansfield

NG18 1EE

United Kingdom

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

Region: UKF15 - North Nottinghamshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

REED IN PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

- Companies House: 00851645
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRBL-7293-HRJP

Academy Court, 94 Chancery Lane

London

WC2A 1DT

United Kingdom

Email: rinp.businessdevelopment@reed.com

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

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Associated people/organisations:

Associated Person/Sub-Contractor 1:

East Midlands Chamber (Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire): Will provide end-to-end delivery in High Peak (Out-of-Work) and 100% of In-work Retention support across all of Lot 1.

Associated Person/Sub-Contractor 2:

YMCA Derbyshire: Our referrals partner will provide 28% of Reed's referrals/programme-starts (no end-to-end delivery).

Contract 1. Lot 1-IPS Only-Derby City & Derbyshire

SHAW TRUST LIMITED(THE)

- Companies House: 01744121
- Charity Commission (England and Wales): 287785

Black Country House, Rounds Green Road

Oldbury

B69 2DG

United Kingdom

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

Region: UKG37 - Sandwell

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

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 GROWTH COMPANY LIMITED

- Companies House: 02443911
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLRD-7665-DLPV

Lee House

Manchester

M1 5JW

United Kingdom

Website: <https://www.growthco.uk/>

Region: UKD33 - Manchester

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

WORKPAYS LIMITED

- Companies House: 07387325
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCHM-6658-QLRM

Floors 1 and 2, 4 Babington Lane

Derby

DE1 1SU

United Kingdom

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

Region: UKF11 - Derby

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contracting authority

East Midlands Combined County Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZXR-6887-DRNP

Northern Gateway Enterprise Centre

Chesterfield

S40 1UT

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@eastmidlands-cca.gov.uk

Region: UKF12 - East Derbyshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

Nottinghamshire County Council

Summary of their role in this procurement: Procurement conducted on behalf of EMCCA

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBCV-5152-BXBP

County Hall, Loughborough Road

Nottingham

NG2 7QP

United Kingdom

Email: prpc@nottscc.gov.uk

Region: UKF16 - South Nottinghamshire

Contact organisation

Contact Nottinghamshire County Council for any enquiries.