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Tender

South Midlands Connect to Work Programme (West Northants area)

West Northamptonshire Council

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Scope

Reference

WNC00000569

Description

West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) seeks experienced delivery partners to implement the South Midlands Connect to Work Programme in West Northamptonshire.

Information on the Connect to Work Grant Guidance for England can be found here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/connect-to-work/connect-to-work-grant-guidance-for-england>

Connect to Work is a Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) initiative supporting people with disabilities or long-term health conditions to find and sustain employment. It forms part of the UK Government's Get Britain Working strategy to reduce economic inactivity and promote inclusive growth.

The Connect to Work programme aims to support 1565 economically inactive residents in

West Northamptonshire over the next five years by delivering personalised support, including employability training, confidence building, and workplace adjustment advice, increasing awareness and access to local job opportunities, identifying and addressing barriers to employment for people with disabilities and long-term health conditions, reducing economic inactivity and reliance on other services through sustained employment, promoting diversity and inclusion among local employers and working collaboratively with other South Midlands local authorities.

This funding is allocated to the South Midlands Partnership region. WNC is the accountable body for Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire, Milton Keynes, North Northamptonshire, and West Northamptonshire. This tender relates specifically to West Northamptonshire.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,422,033 excluding VAT
- £1,706,439.60 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80500000 - Training services

- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services
- 98110000 - Services furnished by business, professional and specialist organisations
- 79600000 - Recruitment services
- 79611000 - Job search services
- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKF24 - West Northamptonshire

Submission

Tender submission deadline

23 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/wnc.aspx/Home>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

25 February 2026

Award criteria

| Name | Description | Type | Weighting |
|--------------|---|---------|-----------|
| Quality | Scoring criteria is detailed within the Tender documents. | Quality | 90% |
| Social Value | Scoring criteria is detailed within the Tender documents. | Quality | 10% |

Other information**Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

Procedure**Procedure type**

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/wnc/asp/Home>

Contracting authority

West Northamptonshire Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGDV-8944-CMBP

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Region: UKF24 - West Northamptonshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government