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Award

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Hub

Suffolk County Council

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Scope

Reference

GFPH785

Description

Suffolk County Council are currently out to tender for the provision of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Hub

This opportunity is available in the 'Current Tenders' area of portal. Interested parties are invited to express their interest to gain full access to the tender documentation.

Procurement Policy Note 09/21 requires us to calculate the value of contracts inclusive of VAT, however we can advertise them exclusive of VAT. The advertised value here is £171,000.00 exclusive of VAT.

The deadline date for submissions of the tender is Wednesday 29th October 2025 (12noon). Please note late returns will NOT be permitted

The deadline for clarification questions is Wednesday 15th October 2025 (12noon) which

must be generated via the correspondence option on the website

Contract 1. English for Speakers of Other Languages (Esol) Hub

Supplier

- [Skillsum LTD](#)

Contract value

- £170,999 excluding VAT
- £205,200 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

26 November 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 December 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 August 2026

- Possible extension to 31 August 2027
- 1 year, 8 months

Description of possible extension:

Up to one year

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Option to extend by up to one year

CPV classifications

- 80580000 - Provision of language courses

Information about tenders

- 4 tenders received
- 4 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 3 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Supplier

Skillssum LTD

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6 Fairfield avenue

London

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United Kingdom

Email: syed.hussain@skillsum.co.uk

Region: UKI71 - Barnet

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Suffolk County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVH-1657-HHMV

Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road

Ipswich

IP1 2BX

United Kingdom

Email: Procurementbusinesssupport@suffolk.gov.uk

Region: UKH14 - Suffolk

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government