

UK-Merthyr Tydfil: education and training services

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Contract notice**Services****Directive 2004/18/EC****Section I: Contracting authority**

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Welsh Government on behalf of the Welsh Ministers

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Internet address(es):General address of the contracting authority: <http://https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>Address of the buyer profile: <http://wales.gov.uk/?lang=en>**Additional information can be obtained from:**Internet address: <http://https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:**Internet address: <http://https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>**Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted:** Internet address: <http://https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

Other: Welsh Government

I.3. Main activity

Economic and financial affairs

Education

Environment

General public services

Health

Housing and community amenities

Public order and safety

Recreation, culture and religion

Social protection

I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description

II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

Communities First National Support Contract.

II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 27: Other services

Main site or place of performance: Communities First Areas.

NUTS code UKL Wales

II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The notice involves a public contract

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

Communities First (CF) was launched in 2001 as the flagship Welsh Government Programme to tackle poverty in the most disadvantaged communities in Wales.

The current Minister for Local Government and Communities, Carl Sargeant AM, announced in November 2011 that from April 2012, CF will be a Community Focused Tackling Poverty Programme and will support the Welsh Government's Tackling Poverty Agenda. The delivery of improved outcomes for families living in poverty (through the new CF Outcomes Framework) will focus on three strategic aims: Prosperous Communities, Learning Communities and Healthier Communities.

The Welsh Government on behalf of the Welsh Ministers wish to let the following contracts:

Lot 1: Training and Support.

This element of the contract will provide a flexible and responsive support and training to CF clusters, in order to support the new CF programme:

- the training and support element will need to be clearly focused around enabling Clusters to achieve the aims of the new programme set out by the Welsh Government,
- the training provision will need to take account of the workforce development element to ensure that training provided directly by the programme does not duplicate other provision but addresses the specific needs of CF,
- the support will remain flexible to meet a variety of needs but will include some support for Regional Programme Boards and Community Involvement.

Lot 2: Workforce Development.

This element will ensure continued development of a framework to develop the CF workforce as well as the Welsh community development workforce more widely. This will include working with HE & FE providers to develop and sustain accredited training for the programme, ensuring that the National Occupational Standards for Community Development are implemented consistently, and maintaining an overview of the training needs of the programme.

The Welsh Assembly Government, on behalf of the Welsh Ministers, will be conducting this procurement exercise through the [etenderwales](https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk) portal <https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk> Tender documents and other information must be downloaded from and returned through this portal. If you require any further assistance the BravoSolution helpdesk is available on:

email: help@bravosolution.co.uk / phone: +44 8003684850 / fax: +44 2070600480.

Full information in accessing the portal is found in Section VI.3.

Community Benefits do not apply to this contract.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

80000000 Education and training services, 98000000 Other community, social and personal services, 85322000 Community action programme, 85323000 Community health services

II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

II.1.8. Lots

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for one or more lots

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

II.2.2. Information about options

II.2.3. Information about renewals

II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Start 1.2.2013. Completion 31.3.2015

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

The awarding authority reserves the right to request parent company and/or other guarantees of performance and financial liability.

III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

Payment terms will be indicated in the contract documents. Tenders to be priced in Sterling. Payment to be made in Sterling only.

III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

No special legal form required but joint and several liability to be assumed by all group bidders before acceptance.

III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

III.2. Conditions for participation

III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions: (a) is bankrupt or is being wound up, whose affairs are being administered by the courts, who has entered into an arrangement with creditors or who is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under national laws and regulations;

(b) is the subject of proceedings for a declaration of bankruptcy, for an order for compulsory winding-up or administration by the courts or for an arrangement with creditors or is the

subject of any other similar proceeding under national laws or regulations;
(c) has been convicted of an offence concerning his professional conduct by a judgement which has the force of res judicata;
(d) has been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authorities can justify;
(e) has not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which he is established or those of the country of the contracting authority;
(f) has not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which he is established or those of the country of the contracting authority;
(g) is guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required under the provisions of the Directive on the criteria for qualitative selection.
Details to be provided will be listed in the prequalification questionnaire.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: Details to be provided will be listed in the prequalification questionnaire.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Details to be provided will be listed in the prequalification questionnaire.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

(b) a list of principal deliveries effected or services provided in the last 3 years and evidence of delivery;

(e) educational and professional qualifications of the supplier and staff responsible for performing the contract;

(i) details of any intended sub-contracting arrangements.

Details to be provided will be listed in the prequalification questionnaire.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Details to be provided will be listed in the prequalification questionnaire.

III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts

III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts

III.3.1. Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

III.3.2. 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: no

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

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Restricted

IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number 5: and Maximum number 8

IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

IV.2. Award criteria

IV.2.1. Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

C26-2012/2013

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

28.9.2012 - 14:00

IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English.

Other: Welsh.

IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in days: 90 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

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

VI.3. Additional information

The Authority reserves the right to consider variant bids.

The Authority reserves the right to split the requirement into lots.

The Authority is committed to contributing to the social, economic and environmental well-being of the wider community. Accordingly, while the requirement to do so will not be mandatory, the successful contractor will be expected to consider opportunities to recruit and train long term economically inactive persons as part of the workforce delivering this project. The Contract will have an option to extend the duration up to a period of a further 12 months.

If you require documentation in an alternative format, please contact the named contact point in this document who will be able to provide a more suitable format. For example, Braille, large print, Word document or audio format.

You may find it helpful to contact your regional business advisory network to seek general advice and guidance if you are considering tendering for this and future public sector contracts. Potential bidders in Wales can access services at <http://www.fs4b.wales.gov.uk/supplierdevelopmentsservice>.

The Client is not obligated to commission any work under this arrangement.

E-tender information:

- Go to <https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>,
- The first person from your Organisation to use the Platform will be required to register on behalf of the Organisation,
- Registration involves accepting a User Agreement, and providing basic information about your Organisation and about the User performing the Registration,
- The User who performs the Registration becomes the Super User for the Organisation,
- On registering on the Platform the Super User will select a Username and will receive a password,
- The Password will be sent by e-mail to the email address that was specified in the User Details section of the Registration page,
- In order to log-in to the Platform please enter your Username and Password,
- Note: If you forget your Password then visit the homepage and click “Forgot your password?”,
- Registration should only be performed once for each Organisation,
- If you think that someone in your Organisation may have already registered on this Platform then you must not register again,
- Please contact the person who Registered (i.e. the Super User) in order to arrange access to the Platform,
- Contact the Helpdesk immediately if you are unable to contact the Super User (for example if they have left your Organisation),
- Note: If your Organisation is already registered on the Platform then you must not make any additional registration. Please contact the Helpdesk to gain access to the Platform,
- Tenders must be uploaded to the BravoSolution portal by 2pm.

How to find the PQQ:

- Once logged in you must click on ‘PQQs Open to all Suppliers’,
- The etender references for this contract are: Project_23754 and PQQ_30524,
- Click on the title to access summary details of the contract. If you are still interested in expressing an interest, click the ‘Express an Interest button’. This will move the PQQ from the ‘Open to all Suppliers’ area to the ‘My PQQ’s’ on the home page,
- You will then see the full details of the PQQ in the qualification and technical envelopes along with any relevant documents in the ‘Attachments’ area,
- Should you have any questions on the PQQ, please use the ‘Messages’ area to contact the buyer directly – Please do not contact the named person at the top of this notice.

Buy4Wales Reference Number: 31557.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

VI.4.2. Review procedure

VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

24.8.2012