

**Procurement Title**

Multiply – Provision of an Adult Numeracy Programme

**Procurement Option**

Above Threshold - Open Tender Procedure compliant with the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

**To Note;** When the full grant funding Terms and Conditions are received from the Department for Education and further consideration is given to the legal position, there is a possibility that LCC may be able to distribute some or all of that funding to delivery organisations via grant funding agreements (as opposed to the awarding of contracts). This may, depending on the value of any contracts to be procured, negate the need for a formal procurement exercise to be conducted.

**New or Existing Provision**

This contract is an opportunity which has arisen from government funding, to develop and deliver a new skills programme, Multiply, aimed at boosting adult numeracy as part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).

**Estimated Annual Contract Value and Funding Arrangements**

£5.9m has been allocated to LCC for a three-year period from April 2022.

The European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) programme is due to cease delivery in 2023. The government is replacing the programme with the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). The programme is made up of core UKSPF funds, which have been allocated at a unitary and district level and Multiply, which has been allocated to the three top tier Lancashire authorities. The programme will span three financial years, starting from April 2022.

All the funding has been allocated to LCC and is available for this project.

**Contract Duration**

Where it is not possible to allocate funding to delivery organisations via grant funding agreements, the Contract(s) for Multiply will be awarded for a period of up to 3 years (April 2022 – March 2025)

**Lotting**

No lotting.

**Evaluation**

**Quality: 90%**

**Financial Criteria: 10%**

The Contract(s) will be established by evaluating suppliers against the following criteria:

Stage 1: The Standard Selection Questionnaire that will evaluate suppliers against the following criteria: mandatory and discretionary grounds, economic and financial

standing, technical capability questions, relevant experience, Health and Safety and Quality Assurance. Each tenderer must pass this stage in order to proceed to Stage 2.

Stage 2: The tender bids will be evaluated on

- 90% Quality (includes evaluation on quality, technical, and social value)
- 10% Financial Criteria

### **Background**

The European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) programme is due to cease delivery in 2023. The government is replacing the programme with the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). The programme will span three financial years, starting from April 2022.

The government have confirmed that the UKSPF will be made up of two strands: a general fund to be prioritised locally and the 'Multiply' programme, which will be led by the Department for Education (DfE). A funding formula has been used to allocate funds to local areas, with the former being devolved to unitary and district level in Lancashire and the latter to the three Upper Tier Authorities.

Funding for Multiply was announced in the Autumn Spending Review, with further information in the Levelling Up White Paper, followed by a prospectus which was published towards the end of April. The programme is targeted at 19+ adults who do not have a GCSE at Grade 4 (or equivalent) and aims to help people improve their ability to understand and use maths in daily life, home, and work – from household finances, to helping children with homework, to making more sense of the facts in the media and improving employability / job prospects.

It is intended that Multiply will offer a range of options such as free personal tutoring, digital training and flexible courses that fit around people's lives and are tailored to specific needs, circumstances, sectors and industries. Locally devolved funds will be complemented by a digital on-line learning platform that is being developed by the DfE.

### **Contract Detail**

Discussions are currently taking place with the service area (Economic Development) and the Council's Legal Services to establish whether some or all of the grant funding can be allocated directly to delivery organisations via individual grant funding agreements. Funding decisions will be made, in due course, taking into account matters such as the terms and conditions of the DfE funding, the contracting process, timescales and confidence around delivery. It is possible that delivery will be achieved through a mix of grant funding agreements and the awarding of contracts. Where it is not possible to allocate funding by way of a grant funding agreement, the appointment of providers will take place by way of an above threshold open tender and awarded via a service contract(s).

**Procurement Title**

Lancashire Skills Bootcamp Project

**Procurement Option**

Above Threshold - Open Tender Procedure compliant with the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

**New or Existing Provision**

This contract is an opportunity which has arisen from government funding, to develop and deliver Skills Bootcamp provision.

**Estimated Annual Contract Value and Funding Arrangements**

Initial funding of £1,250,542.50 has been awarded by the Department for Education and contract(s) to cover the initial funding are in the process of being procured using an Open Tender Procedure. The awarded contract(s) will include provision for contract extensions in line with potential additional funding which has yet to be awarded. This report seeks approval for future possible expenditure and subsequent contract extensions which would take the total contractual spend over the key decision threshold.

The total, potential, 2022/23 grant is £2,501,085.00. This comprises of the initial £1,250,542.50 funding already awarded and additional funding of £1,250,542.50, subject to award by the DfE.

Further grants are anticipated in 2023/24 and 2024/25, bringing total potential expenditure under this Project to approximately £10,000,000.

**Contract Duration**

The contract will commence on or shortly after the 4 July 2022. The contract will expire on the 1 September 2023 – all delivery needs to be planned to be completed by 31 March 2023.

The council reserves the right to extend the contract in a number of scenarios for period(s) of up to 24 months until the 1 September 2025 (all delivery to be completed by 31 March in each year) for Service Providers who are satisfactorily meeting the KPIs and objectives of the project.

**Lotting**

No lotting.

**Evaluation**

<b>Quality: 90%</b>	<b>Financial Criteria: 10%</b>
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The contract(s) will be established by evaluating tenderers against the following criteria:

Stage 1: The Standard Selection Questionnaire that will evaluate suppliers against the following criteria: mandatory and discretionary grounds, economic and financial standing, technical capability questions, relevant experience, Health and Safety and Quality Assurance. Each tenderer must pass this stage in order to proceed to Stage 2.

Stage 2: The tender bids will be evaluated on

- 90% Quality (includes evaluation on quality, technical, and social value)
- 10% Financial Criteria

## **Background**

This procurement will seek applications for Lancashire Skills Bootcamps which will support Lancashire and its employers to fill skills shortages, by bringing participating individuals closer to better jobs through training which meets the skills needs of local employers and providing guaranteed interviews.

The overall aim is to procure a programme of Skills Bootcamps across Lancashire in the priority areas to fill the hard-to-fill vacancies business are experiencing and to give Lancashire residents the opportunity to upskill and access new career paths.

The council is inviting quotes for the delivery of Skills Bootcamp provision for the following priority areas:

- Digital, Creative and Technology – specifically looking for: Data Analyst, Project Management – Agile/Scrum, Tech Service Desk, Software Development, Cyber Security, Digital Marketing, Additive Manufacturing
- Green Skills – specifically looking for: Green Power, Retrofit, Hybrid and Electrical Vehicle Maintenance
- Electronics – ElecTech Power Electronics machine and Drives (PEMD), ElecTech – Cyber, ElecTech -General, IoT Technician
- Construction – Digital Process Control, BIM
- Health Care – Medical Engineering, Pathway to accelerated Apprenticeship in Care

**Procurement Title**

Permanent Cold Lay Surfacing Material

**Procurement Option**

Open Procedure compliant with the Public Contract Regulations 2015

**New or Existing Provision**

A new provision.

**Estimated Annual Contract Value and Funding Arrangements**

The total estimated spend of the Framework over a four-year period is £3,000,000  
Funded from the existing Highways Capital budget

**Contract Duration**

A Framework Agreement will be awarded to multiple contractors for a four-year period.

**Lots**

No lotting.

**Evaluation**

The agreement will be established by evaluating Contractors against the following criteria:

Stage 1: Mandatory and discretionary grounds to ascertain suppliers' financial, technical capability and ability to demonstrate their experience in operating in compliance with Industry standards. Each tenderer must pass this stage in order to proceed to stage 2.

Stage 2: Tender bids will be evaluated on a Technical and Sustainable questionnaire which will cover compliance of the material to the specification and sustainability which will cover environmental and social value. Tenders will also complete a price schedule.

The expected evaluation methodology for this project will be:

**Technical and Sustainability - Pass/ Fail.** The technical and sustainability questions will be marked as pass or fail which reflects the importance of appointing a quality supplier that can provide a product that meets the Authority's technical specification and provide clear response to the sustainability section which will cover carbon emissions, waste disposal and social value (the positive benefits that can be obtained for the community).

**Price 100% weighted:** Potential providers will submit prices schedules which will be weighted and ranked. Note Price schedules will only be evaluated if the Technical and Sustainability section is passed.

**Background**

The Authority has a requirement for a supply of rapid curing permanent cold lay surfacing material (PCSM) for use in carriageway and footway defects.

Cold lay surfacing material represents a method of repairing footway and carriageway defects which reduces the challenges of traditional hot asphalt repairs which are difficult to lay in winter conditions and can require in some cases large equipment and traffic management to complete the repair.

Cold lay surfacing material remains usable in below freezing conditions and can be used to repair flooded potholes, damages areas compacted by traffic or on a skid resistance surface.

Cold Lay Surfacing material is to be used by the Authority as part of a toolbox of solutions for carriageway and footway repairs. This material will assist in repairing the highway volume of 10-day repairs which often require complex or expensive traffic management if using hot material. The use of this material for higher priority repairs will ensure that a permanent repair is carried out within the required timescales cost effectively.

Cold Lay material permanent repairs can be carried out quickly, require minimal compaction and can be instantly trafficked, reducing disruption on the network. This material also provides an effective permanent repair where the carriageway is significantly deteriorated and straight cut edges cannot be achieved.

Use of Cold Lay material will assist in reducing costs as the required traffic managements can be minimised. This material has a high performance specification in all types of road condition and weather condition which will ensure that permanent first time repairs are delivered with no requirement for return or remedial works.

Call-offs from the framework will be made on the basis of the rankings applied to suppliers at tender stage.

The contract will be based on the Authority's standard framework agreement with appropriate call-off terms for the supply of goods.

**Procurement Title**

Colne Primet Academy Expansion

**Procurement Option**

Mini-competition via third party framework, hosted by the North West Construction Hub, that has been established in compliance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015.

**New or Existing Provision**

New one-off project to expand Colne Primet Academy School (creating a standalone two storey classroom block) situated in Colne, Lancashire.

**Estimated Annual Contract Value and Funding Arrangements**

Estimated project value is circa £7m and will be funded via Basic Need Grant allocation/Basic Need Capital Fund.

**Contract Duration**

The contractual agreement will be for a twelve month design and build (phased approach) and a further twelve-month rectification period (two years in total). The new block school is to be open and available from the commencement of the 2023/24 school year.

**Lots**

Single contract under a multi-lot framework through the North West Construction Hub.

**Evaluation**

The contractual agreement will be established by evaluating framework providers against the following criteria:

Stage 1: Expression of Interest to be received from interested parties

Stage 2: A mini-competition shall be undertaken, and bids will be evaluated on

- 70% technical, quality, and social value
- 30% preliminary costs, schedule of rates, overhead and profit percentages

Stage 3: the successful tenderer from stage 2 will then work with all stakeholders to prepare and agree an Agreed Maximum Price (AMP) for this project within the available budget.

**Contract Detail**

As a result of a rising secondary school population and increasing primary school population moving through to secondary schools, additional secondary school places are required in Pendle for the 2022/23 academic year and beyond.

Colne Primet Academy is proposed to expand from an intake of 165 to 210, raising the capacity of the academy from 825 to 1050 pupils. The Academy requires an additional 12-15 classroom building to standalone from the rest of the building, with increased dining facilities, internal remodelling and associated works. The Academy

also requires additional works to create a 2 classroom Special Educational Needs unit within the existing buildings.

Temporary Accommodation will be in place from September 2022 consisting of rented teaching units that are compliant with BB103. The Authority intends to construct the new block and deliver this project in approx. 12 months (phased approach); in time for the school opening in September 2023.

The principal contractor will provide early contractor engagement insights and help design the build within the available budget and timeframe. The principal contractor will be engaged using the partnering ethos principles. The Authority will develop a contract specifically for this project.