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**CONTRACT NOTICE**

**Section I: Contracting authority**

**Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

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<b>Town</b> Coventry	<b>Postal code</b> CV1 2WT	<b>Country</b> UK
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**Internet address(es) if applicable**

General address of the contracting authority URL

www.gov.uk/.../department-for-business-innovation-skills

Address of the buyer profile URL

Electronic access to information URL

Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate URL

Please use Annex A to provide more detailed information

**Further information can be obtained from**

- The above mentioned contact point(s)

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from**

- The above mentioned contact point(s)

**Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to**

- The above mentioned contact point(s)

**I.2) Type of the contracting authority**

**Authority**

- Body governed by public law

**Other (please specify)**

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**Activity**

- General public services
- Defence
- Public order and safety
- Environment
- Economic and financial affairs
- Health
- Housing and community amenities
- Social protection
- Recreation, culture and religion
- Education

**Other (please specify)**

**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**

To procure the services of organisations to deliver activity to support individuals who are unemployed on behalf of The Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills acting through the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) for delivery in the Cheshire & Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) area

**II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance (choose one category only – works, supplies or services – which corresponds most to the specific object of your contract or purchase(s))**

Services

**Type**

**Type**

**Service category No: (Please see Annex C1 for service categories)**

24: Education and vocational education services

**Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance:**

**NUTS code**

**Information about a public contract, a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)**

**The notice involves a public contract**

- The notice involves a public contract

**The notice involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)**

- The notice involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)

**The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement**

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**II.1.4) Information on framework agreement (if applicable)**

**Number**

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**or (if applicable) maximum number of participants to the framework agreement envisaged**

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**Duration of the framework agreement**

**Duration in years**

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**or in months:**

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**Justification for a framework agreement, the duration of which exceeds four years:**

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**Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement (if applicable, give figures only)**

**Estimated value excluding VAT:**

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**or Range: between**

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and

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Currency:

Frequency and value of the contracts to be awarded: (if known)

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

Delivery of Education & Vocational training services activity funded through the European Social Fund (ESF) as support for individuals who are unemployed identified in the Local Enterprise Panel (LEP) area mentioned at II.1.1 above

- Access to employment for jobseekers and inactive people - to help those who are disadvantaged but still relatively close to the labour market to tackle their barriers to work, and enter and sustain employment.

**II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

	Main vocabulary	Supplementary vocabulary if applicable
Main object	80000000	

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

The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

- yes

**II.1.8) Lots (for information about lots, use Annex B as many times as there are lots)**

This contract is divided into lots:

- no

**II.1.9) Variants will be accepted**

**II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract**

**II.2.1) Total quantity or scope: (including all lots, renewals and options, if applicable)**

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**(if applicable, give figures only) Estimated value excluding VAT:**

6732500.00

**or Range: between**

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**and**

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**Currency:**

GBP

**II.2.2) Options (if applicable)**

yes

**(if yes) Description of these options:**

As indicated within the Contract for Services included within this Invitation to Tender, the Contract may be extended for up to a maximum of 12 months

**(if known) Provisional timetable for recourse to these options:**

**in months:**

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**or in days: (from the award of the contract)**

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**II.2.3) Information about renewals (if applicable)**

This contract is subject to renewal

Number of possible renewals: (if known)

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or

Range: between

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and

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(if known) In the case of renewable supplies or service contracts, estimated timeframe for subsequent contracts:

in months:

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or in days (from the award of the contract):

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

Duration in months:

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or in days: (from the award of the contract)

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or Starting (dd/mm/yyyy)

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Completion (dd/mm/yyyy)

31/03/2018

### Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

#### III.1) Conditions relating to the contract

**III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required: (if applicable)**

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

All successful bidders will have to have had their Financial Health checked by the SFA following its procedures shown on its website

**III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded: (if applicable)**

At the time of contract award all organisations seeking to be considered for a contract must be a legal entity.

**III.1.4) Other particular conditions (if applicable)**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions

(if yes) Description of particular conditions:

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**III.2) Conditions for participation**

**III.2.1) Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

**Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:**

Once you have been invited into the Tender you will receive an email alert advising you to sign on to the SFA e-tendering portal with your normal Username and Password. You access the My ITTs' page. (This is a secure area reserved for your projects only) -You can now access any attachments by clicking 'Buyer Attachments' in the ITT Details' box 3. Responding to the tender - Click 'My Response' under ITT Details', you can choose to 'Create Response' or to 'Decline to Respond' (please give a reason if declining) - You can now use the 'Messages' function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification - Note the deadline for completion, then follow the onscreen instructions to complete the ITT - There may be a mixture of online & offline actions for you to perform (there is detailed online help available) You must then submit your reply using the 'Submit Response' button at the top of the page. If you require any further assistance please consult the online help, or contact the eTendering help desk but please note neither of these will be able to offer any

advice on the service being procured, this is only available by using the online message board

**III.2.2) Economic and financial ability**

**Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:**

**Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: (if applicable)**

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**III.2.3) Technical capacity**

**Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:**

**Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: (if applicable)**

Candidates must appear on the Register of Training Organisations as at April 2016 and have indicated that they were interested in delivering to the LEP area covered.

**III.2.4) Information about reserved contracts (if applicable)**

- The contract is restricted to sheltered workshops
  
- The execution of the contract is restricted to the framework of sheltered employment programmes

**III.3) Conditions specific to services contracts**

**III.3.1) Information about a particular profession**

**(if yes) Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision:**

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III.3.2) Legal persons should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service

**Section IV: Procedure**

**IV.1) Type of procedure**

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■ Restricted

**Justification for the choice of accelerated procedure:**

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**Some candidates have already been selected (if appropriate under certain types of negotiated procedures)**

**(if yes, provide names and addresses of economic operators already selected under Section VI.3 Additional information)**

**Justification for the choice of accelerated procedure:**

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**IV.1.2) Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate (restricted and negotiated procedures, competitive dialogue)**

**Envisaged number of operators**

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**or Envisaged minimum number**

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**and (if applicable) maximum number**

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**Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:**

**IV.1.3) Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue (negotiated procedure, competitive dialogue)**

**Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated**

**IV.2) Award criteria**

**IV.2.1) Award criteria (please tick the relevant box(es))**

- The most economically advantageous tender in terms of
  
- the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Weighting</b>

**IV.2.2) An electronic auction will be used**

**(if yes, if appropriate) Additional information about electronic auction:**

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**IV.3) Administrative information**

**IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority: (if applicable)**

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**IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**

if yes

Notice number in the OJEU:

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of (dd/mm/yyyy)

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Other previous publications (if applicable)

Notice number in the OJEU:

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of (dd/mm/yyyy)

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Notice number in the OJEU:

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of (dd/mm/yyyy)

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**IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document in the case of a competitive dialogue**

**Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents**

Date (dd/mm/yyyy):

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Time

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Payable documents

(if yes, give figures only) Price:

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Currency

Terms and method of payment:

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

Date (dd/mm/yyyy):

18/07/2016

Time:

17:00

IV.3.5) Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates (if known, in the case of restricted and negotiated procedures, and competitive dialogue)

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Language(s) in which tenders may be drawn up

ES  CS  DA  DE  ET  EL  EN  FR  IT  LV  LT  HU  MT  NL  PL  PT  SK  SL  FI  SV  BG  GA  RO

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

until: (dd/mm/yyyy)

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or Duration in months:

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

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IV.3.8) Conditions for opening tenders

Date (dd/mm/yyyy):

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**Time:**

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**Official name**

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**National ID**

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**For the attention of**

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**Postal address**

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**Town**

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**Postal code**

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**Country**

**(if applicable) Place:**

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**Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders (if applicable)**

**list of person**

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**Section VI: Complementary information**

**VI.1) This is a recurrent procurement (if applicable)**

**(if yes) Estimated timing for further notices to be published:**

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**VI.2) The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds**

yes

(if yes) Reference to project(s) and/or programme(s):

ESIF 2014 to 2020 Programme

**VI.3) Additional information: (if applicable)**

The Contracting Authority intends to use an eTendering system in this procurement exercise.

**VI.4) Procedures for appeal**

**VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures**

Official name	National ID	
Postal address		
Town	Postal code	Country
E-mail	Telephone	
Internet address: (URL)	Fax	

**Body responsible for mediation procedures (if applicable)**

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Official name	National ID	
Postal address		
Town	Postal code	Country
E-mail	Telephone	
Internet address: (URL)	Fax	

**VI.4.2) Lodging of appeals (please fill in heading VI.4.2 or if need be, heading VI.4.3)**

**Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals:**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals:

You should note that there is no separate right of appeal against the award decisions made. However if you consider that the SFA has not followed the published process or the decision made is unreasonable, you are able to make a complaint under the SFA's complaints procedure which can be accessed at :

[www.gov.uk/government/organisations/skills-funding-agency/about/complaints-procedure](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/skills-funding-agency/about/complaints-procedure)

**VI.4.3) Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

Official name	National ID	
Postal address		
Town	Postal code	Country
E-mail	Telephone	
Internet address: (URL)	Fax	

**VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice (dd/mm/yyyy):**

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**Annex A**

**Additional addresses and contact points**

