

Contract Title: PL5247 - The Mayors Apprenticeships Delivery Programme 2017 - 2020

The London Borough of Tower Hamlets (the Council) is seeking tenders from interested organisations for the above services.

Description:

The Council is looking for a supplier to provide bespoke support for Tower Hamlets businesses to help them identify and create a range of apprenticeship opportunities for borough residents at all levels. Working across sectors, the supplier will work with businesses across the private, statutory & voluntary sectors and SME's, along with community partners who engage and provide employability support for residents.

The supplier will work closely with the Council's WorkPath and Enterprise services to identify business contacts and supply advice and guidance on how the apprenticeship levy will affect their business, the frameworks and standards available and promote how the local authority can support recruitment of new staff.

The supplier must have a thorough knowledge of the set up and delivery of apprenticeships and have experience of working with a range of businesses to promote new initiatives and build strong relationships to support their work.

The contract will require the supplier to conduct market research in the borough to identify business attitudes towards the apprenticeship levy, identify barriers for businesses to recruit new apprentices, and suggest ways and implement methods to overcome these. The supplier will examine which frameworks and standards are required in the community and work with training providers and the Council's Apprenticeship, Training and Skills team to build a framework of providers for the delivery of 1,000 apprenticeships over the next 3 years.

The supplier will deliver a range of network and information events for businesses and providers to discuss apprenticeship opportunities and also consider a range of innovative methods of promoting apprentices around the borough for residents to engage.

The supplier, working with businesses and community partners, will identify, create and fill 1,000 additional apprenticeship opportunities over the three year contract.

The anticipated contract start date is: 1st October 2017

The value of the contract is: £170,000.00 for the whole 3 years program.

Organisations wishing to express their interest are requested to **register** on the London Tenders Portal (www.londontenders.org) where the tender documentation will be available for download.

Organisations must ensure that access to the system is available to their representatives dealing with the contract. The council will not be liable for the lack of delegated access within the organisation and will not send any documentation regarding the contract, which shall be exclusively available through the portal.

Tenderers are responsible for allowing sufficient time to submit their ITT. The Council accepts no liability whatsoever for ITTs that are not submitted due to internet connectivity issues, transmission delays or errors.

Deadline for return of tenders is:

Friday 4th August 2017 at 12 noon

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<http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/>

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