Contract Details

1. **Full Name of the Contracting Body:**
East Ayrshire Council (lead authority) in partnership with Inverclyde Council

2. **Name and ID of the Contract:**
East Ayrshire Council Services to Support Educational Attainment Framework PS-24-28

3. **Services Required:**
The contract seeks providers for a multi-lot, multi-provider framework to offer a variety of services aimed at supporting educational attainment and addressing the poverty-related attainment gap. Specific services include:
- Activity-based learning: Engaging educational activities designed to enhance learning through practical experience.
- Mental health, counselling, and support: Services aimed at improving the mental wellbeing of students, including counselling.
- Creative engagement: Programs that use the arts or creative activities to foster learning and engagement.
- Tutoring and additional support: Personalized academic support outside the standard curriculum.
- Workshops for pupils and parents: Educational sessions aimed at both students and their families to support learning at home.
- Community engagement: Initiatives designed to involve the community in educational activities and support.
- Mentoring: One-to-one or group support aimed at personal, academic, or professional development.
- Leadership development: Programs to cultivate leadership skills among students.
- Educational assessments: Services to evaluate educational progress and needs.
- Research and improvement consultancy: Expert advice on educational strategies and improvements.
- Developing young workforce skills: Programs aimed at preparing students for the workforce.
- Out of school clubs: Extracurricular activities and clubs that provide additional learning opportunities.
- Residential experiences: Learning opportunities that take place in a residential setting, often outdoors.
- Digital skills workshops: Training sessions focused on developing digital literacy and skills.

4. **Financial Constraints:**
The estimated total value of the contract is £12,000,000 over 4 years. There are no guaranteed volumes or requirements, and providers will submit rates for benchmarking and affordability assessment. Individual schools/services will request quotes for specific needs.

5. **Vendor Qualifications:**
   Vendors must have:
   - Appropriate qualifications/accreditations for the professional services they offer.
   - PVG scheme membership for staff working with children or vulnerable groups.
   - The ability to provide staff training, supervision, and relevant policies/procedures.
   - Necessary insurance (public liability, employer's liability, etc.).
   - Compliance with health and safety standards.
6. **Other Relevant Information:**
   - The framework has an initial period of 4 years.
   - Providers can bid for multiple lots.
   - A direct award process will be used for individual requirements.
   - There is a focus on improving educational outcomes and closing the attainment gap.
   - Community benefits proportionate to spend are required.
   - Fair Work practices are expected from providers.
7. **Geographical Restrictions:**
   Services are to be provided within the East Ayrshire and/or Inverclyde council areas.

This framework is designed to give schools access to a broad range of professional services and activities aimed at enhancing learning, wellbeing, and attainment for children and young people, with a particular focus on closing the poverty-related attainment gap.

Best matches

Based on the requirements of the East Ayrshire Council Services to Support Educational Attainment Framework PS-24-28, the following companies from the knowledge base could potentially fulfill the contract's needs:

1. **MCR Pathways**
   - **Location:** Scotland
   - **Description:** Specializes in education and mentoring services, partnering with schools to support at-risk students through mentoring and academic support.
   - **Notable Projects:** MCR Pathways Mentoring Programme, supporting over 2,000 young people to stay in school and achieve qualifications.
2. **Letsachieve**
   - **Location:** Scotland
   - **Description:** Provides education and training with a focus on exam preparation and personalized tutoring for National 5 and Higher exams.
   - **Notable Projects:** Specializes in personalized tutoring and online learning options for students.
3. **Creative Scotland**
   - **Location:** Scotland
   - **Description:** A public body supporting Scotland's arts, screen, and creative

industries through funding, advocacy, and strategic development.
- **Notable Projects:** Engages in various initiatives to support the creative sector and educational programs within Scotland.

4. **Edify**
   - **Location:** Glasgow, Scotland
   - **Description:** Develops an innovative augmented learning platform aimed at providing immersive and accessible learning experiences.
   - **Notable Projects:** Specializes in creating digital learning solutions and enhancing educational experiences through technology.

5. **Young Enterprise Scotland**
   - Location: Scotland
   - Description: Focuses on inspiring young people through enterprise, with projects like the Company Programme and Bridge 2 Business.
   - Notable Projects: Company Programme, Bridge 2 Business, Digital Enterprise Award, Enterprising Schools.

6. **eCom Scotland**
   - Location: Scotland
   - Description: Specializes in eLearning solutions, customized learning technology, and training and development.
   - Notable Projects: Offers a wide range of digital learning solutions and services.

7. **Argyle IT & Education Limited**
   - Location: Edinburgh, Scotland
   - Description: Provides an integrated e-Learning Management System (LMS) to support learners and educational institutions.
   - Notable Projects: Specializes in eLearning and educational technologies.

8. **Willow Den Scotland**
   - Location: Scotland
   - Description: Offers outdoor nursery education and focuses on nature-based learning and play.
   - Notable Projects: Engages in outdoor education and childcare services with an emphasis on sustainability and environmental education.

These companies offer services that align with the contract's focus on educational support, mental health services, creative engagement, and digital skills development, among others.