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Opportunity

National Professional Qualifications (NPQ) External Moderator

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

Sanctuary Buildings, 20, Great Smith Street

London

SW1P 3BT

Email

NPQ.ExternalModeration@education.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://education.app.iaggaer.com/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://education.app.iaggaer.com/web/login.html>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

National Professional Qualifications (NPQ) External Moderator

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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- reforming the three existing NPQs in senior leadership, headship and executive leadership

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As the appeal and value of NPQs depends on the quality and consistency of the qualification, faith in the assessment process is paramount. Checking for assessment consistency across NPQ Lead Providers is vital, alongside ensuring a reliable and fair process for all participants. To achieve this level of quality and consistency, the DfE is looking to contract with an organisation with the ability to deliver a robust system for the external moderation of NPQ summative assessments.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £6,900,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80500000 - Training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Organisations wishing to participate in this contract opportunity must do so through DfE's eTendering portal (Jaggaer).

Registration is free of charge and full system support is available via the Jaggaer homepage.

In order to access this opportunity in Jaggaer potential suppliers must first click 'view opportunities' from the Jaggaer homepage and then express their interest to gain access to the full document suite.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £6,900,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

1 April 2022

End date

31 March 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract includes an option to extend the term for a further period of 12 months up to the value of an additional £2.6m (ex-VAT).

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2.14) Additional information

As set out in the 'Options' above the Department reserves the right to extend the contract term by an additional 12 months and up to an additional £2.6m (ex-VAT).

This brings the potential maximum contract value to £9.5m (ex-VAT) over 5 years.

The Department will publish a further award notice should the additional term and value option be taken up.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 000-013963](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

11 February 2022

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

11 February 2022

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The Department will host an online commercial walkthrough session for interested organisations at 10am on Thursday 6th January. Please use the messaging facility in the eTendering portal to request a link for the session.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Authority will incorporate a voluntary minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point

information on the award of the Contract is communicated to tenderers. Applicants who are unsuccessful

shall be informed by the Authority as soon as possible after the decision has been made as to the reasons

why the Applicant was unsuccessful. If any clarification regarding the award of the Contract

has not been

successfully resolved, The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No. 102) provide for aggrieved parties

who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the rules to take legal action.

Any such action must be brought within the applicable limitation period. Where a contract has not been

entered into, the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the Authority to amend

any document and may award damages.

If a contract has been entered into the Court may, depending on the circumstances, award damages, make a

declaration of ineffectiveness, order the Authority to pay a fine, and/or order that the duration of the

contract be shortened. The purpose of the voluntary standstill period referred to above is to allow the parties

to apply to the Courts to set aside the award decision before the Contract is entered into