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Planning

Community Justice Learning Long Term

Ministry of Justice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Community Justice Learning Long Term

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Procurement for the design and delivery, and award of the level 6 degree honours/ graduate diploma known as "the Professional Qualification in Probation (PQiP)". The qualification is undertaken by all trainee Probation Officers (Learners) employed by the Probation Service across England and Wales. The course is to be delivered via a blended model that is majority distance learning.

Further background

The Ministry of Justice:

The Ministry of Justice is a major government department, at the heart of the justice system. We work to protect and advance the principles of justice. Our vision is to deliver a world-class justice system that works for everyone in society.

The Probation Service

The Probation Service is an agency within MOJ and part of HMPPS (Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service)

We are responsible for sentence management in both England and Wales, along with Accredited Programmes, Unpaid Work, and Structured Interventions.

In Sentence Management our focus is on strengthening the probation practitioner's relationship with people on probation, using the right key skills, activities and behaviours to achieve the most effective outcomes and enable offenders to make positive changes to their lives. This includes more consistent management and delivery of sentence plans, better assessment and management of risk and more balanced caseloads and an improved case allocation process to support this.

The Professional qualification in Probation

The Professional Qualification in Probation (PQiP) is the mandatory training route for all Probation Officers that are employed by the Probation Service (which forms part of Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service) across England and Wales. The PQiP as delivered currently (pursuant to the Community Justice Learning (CJL) Matrix – available as an annex for prospective bidders on release of the ITT) is a blend of:

- academic modules at Level 6 (and any required academic modules at Level 5 (as applicable)) to be delivered by the Contractor,
- a Vocational Qualification at Level 5 delivered by the Authority;
- and In- business Learning delivered by the Authority.

Work has commenced to review the PQiP within the Probation Service and potential bidders will be able to access the initial PQiP Review Recommendations as an annex when the contract notice is published. Any reforms to the Professional Qualification in Probation will still result in academic modules being delivered at Level 6. We anticipate that there will be large elements of the training scheme that will continue to be delivered by the Authority as trainees learn "on the job". It is the academic qualification at Level 6

(and any foundation/access modules which currently includes Level 4 and 5) that we will be contracting for via this opportunity.

Any correspondence relating to this competition must be directed through the department's e-sourcing platform Jaggaer.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

1 - East and West Midlands

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Procurement for the delivery, and award of the level 6 degree honours/ graduate diploma known as "the Professional Qualification in Probation (PQiP)" in the East and West Midlands. The qualification is undertaken by all trainee Probation Officers (Learners) employed by the Probation Service across England and Wales. The course is to be delivered via a blended model that is majority distance learning.

II.2.14) Additional information

The opportunity is split into 6 lots. Bidders can bid for each lot but there are detailed rules which govern the number of lots that any one bidder can be awarded. These rules will be published in detail in the ITT. Please refer to the detailed rules which may result in a bidder being awarded more or less than 2 lots.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

2 - North East, Yorkshire and the Humber

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Procurement for the delivery, and award of the level 6 degree honours/ graduate diploma known as "the Professional Qualification in Probation (PQiP)" in North East, Yorkshire and the Humber. The qualification is undertaken by all trainee Probation Officers (Learners) employed by the Probation Service across England and Wales. The course is to be delivered via a blended model that is majority distance learning.

II.2.14) Additional information

The opportunity is split into 6 lots. Bidders can bid for each lot but there are detailed rules which govern the number of lots that any one bidder can be awarded. These rules will be published in detail in the ITT. Please refer to the detailed rules which may result in a bidder being awarded more or less than 2 lots.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

3 - North West and Greater Manchester

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Procurement for the delivery, and award of the level 6 degree honours/ graduate diploma known as "the Professional Qualification in Probation (PQiP)" in North West and Greater Manchester. The qualification is undertaken by all trainee Probation Officers (Learners) employed by the Probation Service across England and Wales. The course is to be delivered via a blended model that is majority distance learning.

II.2.14) Additional information

The opportunity is split into 6 lots. Bidders can bid for each lot but there are detailed rules which govern the number of lots that any one bidder can be awarded. These rules will be published in detail in the ITT. Please refer to the detailed rules which may result in a bidder being awarded more or less than 2 lots.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

4 - Kent Surrey & Essex, East of England

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Procurement for the delivery, and award of the level 6 degree honours/ graduate diploma known as "the Professional Qualification in Probation (PQiP)" in Kent, Surrey & Essex and The East of England. The qualification is undertaken by all trainee Probation Officers (Learners) employed by the Probation Service across England and Wales. The course is to be delivered via a blended model that is majority distance learning.

II.2.14) Additional information

The opportunity is split into 6 lots. Bidders can bid for each lot but there are detailed rules which govern the number of lots that any one bidder can be awarded. These rules will be published in detail in the ITT. Please refer to the detailed rules which may result in a bidder being awarded more or less than 2 lots.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

5 - London and South Central

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Procurement for the delivery, and award of the level 6 degree honours/ graduate diploma known as "the Professional Qualification in Probation (PQiP)" in London and South Central. The qualification is undertaken by all trainee Probation Officers (Learners) employed by the Probation Service across England and Wales. The course is to be delivered via a blended model that is majority distance learning.

II.2.14) Additional information

The opportunity is split into 6 lots. Bidders can bid for each lot but there are detailed rules which govern the number of lots that any one bidder can be awarded. These rules will be published in detail in the ITT. Please refer to the detailed rules which may result in a bidder being awarded more or less than 2 lots.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

6 - Wales and South West

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Procurement for the delivery, and award of the level 6 degree honours/ graduate diploma known as "the Professional Qualification in Probation (PQiP)" in Wales and South West. The qualification is undertaken by all trainee Probation Officers (Learners) employed by the Probation Service across England and Wales. The course is to be delivered via a blended model that is majority distance learning. In this lot, the course must also be available in the Welsh language.

II.2.14) Additional information

The opportunity is split into 6 lots. Bidders can bid for each lot but there are detailed rules which govern the number of lots that any one bidder can be awarded. These rules will be published in detail in the ITT. Please refer to the detailed rules which may result in a bidder being awarded more or less than 2 lots.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

24 January 2022

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The MOJ will include an ability to extend the contract at its sole discretion.

Contractors will qualify Learners joining the Probation Service during 3 Academic Years, with an option to extend to cover those Learners joining in a fourth Academic Year as follows:

- (a) Year 1 – March 2023 – February 2024
- (b) Year 2 – March 2024 – February 2025
- (c) Year 3 – March 2025 – February 2026
- (d) (At the Authority's option) Year 4 – March 2026 – February 2027.

1.2 The intention will be that there will be 2 Cohorts that commence learning in each Academic Year. However, the Authority and the Contractor may agree for additional intake/Cohorts to start within an Academic Year.

1.3 The Contractor will be expected to provide academic teaching to each Learner within each Cohort to enable each Learner to qualify. The Contractor should therefore note the requirement to provide a run off period to ensure all Learners within each Cohort can so qualify. As such given the intended duration of the Academic Courses (including the duration of the Academic Course for Part Time Learners), it is anticipated that the Contract will be in operation for a period of 6 years with a potential to require an additional 1 year extension.

The Authority is using its electronic procurement portal, for this procurement. Documents are available only in electronic form, located at <https://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk> (the "eSourcing tool"). To gain access to the sourcing event on Jaggaer, Bidders must register the names of all contacts requiring access to the sourcing event. The Authority will only communicate with Bidders via the eSourcing tool.