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Tender

Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE)

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.3) Communication

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

https://education.app.jaggaer.com/esop/toolkit/opportunity/opportunityList.do?reset=true&resetstored=true&oppList=CURRENT&_ncp=1610467506273.745957-1

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://education.app.jaggaer.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

Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department for Education (DfE) is seeking multiple providers to design and deliver Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE) courses supporting recruitment to Initial Teacher Training (ITT). A framework agreement will replace the grant funding model currently in place for the SKE programme, and will be the only means of drawing down funding from the DfE for SKE courses delivered from October 2021.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £122,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE) courses supporting recruitment to Initial Teacher Training (ITT). A framework agreement will replace the grant funding model currently in place for the SKE programme, and will be the only means of drawing down funding from the DfE for SKE courses delivered from October 2021.

SKE is a key part of the Department's teacher supply strategy and supports recruitment to ITT in hard-to-recruit subjects. It is for applicants who have a conditional offer of a place on an ITT programme. SKE programmes are designed to help these applicants gain the depth of subject knowledge needed to train to teach in their chosen subject.

SKE courses:

- support conditional offers to places on ITT courses or High Potential Initial Teacher Training (HPITT) programmes;
- must only be offered to Participants who, without SKE, would be highly unlikely to meet the subject knowledge requirements of the Teachers' Standards by the time their ITT course is complete;
- enable Participants to train to teach their chosen subject;
- need to include a mechanism for informing the ITT provider of progress made by the Participant on completion of the course;
- must end before the Participant completes their ITT course and before a recommendation for the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) is made; and,
- cannot be longer than the minimum duration recommended by the ITT provider to address the subject knowledge gaps of a Participant.

For more information on the service requirement, the procurement process and to access the tender documents please go to: <https://education.app.jaggaer.com/>

Please note: The estimated value is the maximum budget for funding SKE courses over the term of the framework agreement and includes both provider payments and participant bursary payments. Acceptance onto the framework will not guarantee any funding and individual call-offs will be made on the instruction of the participant undertaking the SKE course.

Please note: There is no restriction on the number of providers that can be appointed to the framework and the Department intends to run subsequent procurements on an annual basis to appoint further providers to deliver SKE training courses.

Two Microsoft Team facilitated Tender Information Sessions will be delivered. The sessions

will be identical and will provide more detail about the service requirements and a walkthrough of the tender documents, including, how to submit a compliant tender, which is likely to be of interest to potential providers who are not familiar with public procurement and/or feel they need additional support to access this opportunity. The first session will take place on 26 January 2021 at 11:30am. The second session will take place on 8 February 2021 at 12:00pm. The sessions are expected to last 2 hours and details of how to register for these events will be presented in the tender documents.

In meeting the commercial objectives for social value for this procurement, the Department intend to apply the strategic theme of Covid-19 recovery and a related question will account for 10% of the overall evaluation score.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

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

Duration in months

48

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: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

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

Date

26 February 2021

Local time

5:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

26 February 2021

Local time

5:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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