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Planning

DHSC: ASC: development of Care Certificate, dementia, and digital skills qualifications

Department of Health and Social Care

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

C96177

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80511000 - Staff training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The potential new requirement will be a key element of Government's reform of the adult social care workforce. These reforms form part of wider reforms to social care set out in the 'People at the Heart of Care' White Paper.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £260,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80561000 - Health training services
- 80570000 - Personal development training services
- 79633000 - Staff development services
- 80510000 - Specialist training services
- 80511000 - Staff training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

London Victoria Street

Leeds Quarry House

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Anticipated Timeline:

- ITT estimated to be released end of January 2023
- Contract awarded March 2023.
- Anticipated end of contract date of July 2023.

The Authority may require a Supplier or multiple Suppliers to develop new qualification framework specifications for the ASC Sector. The main output will be specifications that awarding bodies can work from in developing their own versions of qualifications. This requirement is currently at the pre-tender stage, the purpose of which is to engage service providers providing an opportunity to: -

1. Get a clear understanding of what business outcomes the Authority requires and ask questions regarding the proposed scope of work.
2. Notify the market and encourage market participation in the pre-market engagement activities that will take place in the development of this project
3. Notify the market of the intended procurement route, to provide potential suppliers the opportunity to join the relevant CCS framework (CCS DPS RM6219 Learning and Training Services).

This requirement focuses on two new qualifications that we want to bring forward for the workforce:

Care Certificate qualification - based on existing 15 standards at Level 2

Digital Skills – a new Level 5 leadership award based on the Digital Skills Framework

A partner will develop specifications for the two qualifications above, working closely with the care sector and training and qualifications sectors.

We are inviting interested parties to join any future market engagement events that we may hold- 20th January 2023. We have also published an Request for Information (RFI and draft specification) If you are interested in being contacted regarding a market engagement event and wish to respond to the RFI please follow these steps:

1. Log in or Register through the supplier portal at <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>
2. Locate the opportunity using 'My Proposals and Quotes' or in 'Find Opportunities' C96177 DHSC:ASC:Workforce Reform – Qualifications Design Project
3. Click Register Interest.
4. RFI documents on Atamis and can respond to questions through Atamis
5. Send email address(es) of attendees to market engagement event through Atamis Portal and, market engagement event details shall be sent through. The event shall be held 20/01/23 1130 -1300 via Microsoft Teams

Use of framework CCS DPS RM6219 Learning and Training Services is expected for this procurement.

II.2.14) Additional information

Other additional information: 5 month project, seeking to work at pace to deliver qualification specifications by the middle of the 2023/24 financial year.

To Note: This notice is for information only and the Authority reserves the right to not proceed to tender additionally reserves the right to discontinue the proposed tendering process and not to award the contract.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 January 2023

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 purpose of this PIN is therefore to alert the market of our intention and give you a broad indication of the opportunities which the Authority intends to offer in order to give interested suppliers the opportunity to:

- Register on the CCS DPS RM6219 Learning and Training Services.
- <https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/dps#learning>

Transparency: Potential suppliers should note that, in accordance with Government's policies on transparency, the Department intends to publish the Invitation to Tender (ITT) document, and the text of any Contract awarded, subject to possible redaction at the discretion of the Department. Further information on transparency can be found at: <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/content/transparencyoverview>. This notice is for information only, and the Department reserves the right to discontinue the proposed tendering process and not award the contract. The information contained in this notice, including information relating to the nature and scope of the Department's requirements, the service classification of this requirement or the list of CPV codes, is only indicative of the Department's current thinking and is neither exhaustive nor binding. The Department reserves the right at its absolute discretion to amend it at the time of issue of any further notices or at any other time. The publication of this notice in no way obliges the Department to commence with any competitive tender process. The Department is not and shall not be liable for any costs incurred by those expressing any interest in participating in the market consultation exercise advertised in this notice