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Planning

National Poetry Recitation Competition 2022-2025

Department for Education

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

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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

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

National Poetry Recitation Competition 2022-2025

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to notify the market of a forthcoming opportunity to bid for a National Poetry Recitation Competition for primary and secondary schools in England and also, to notify the market that we intend to host an engagement event on 31st January 2022 to share details about this opportunity and collect any feedback, thoughts and questions about the competition.

The contract is due to commence in September 2022. The length of the contract will be three years, finishing in September 2025.

Poetry forms an important part of the National Curriculum for English at all key stages, as well as the specifications for English Literature GCSE and A Level English Literature. The Government wants to encourage schools to improve pupils' knowledge and enjoyment of poetry and engagement in poetry recitation and recall. This, in turn, will help the overarching objectives of the Department to provide all pupils with a world class education, ensuring a rigorous academic curriculum and one that builds character and resilience and supports good mental health. Many schools will already teach poetry recitation, as part of a structured, knowledge-rich curriculum. Increasing opportunities to benefit from cultural capital, through a knowledge-rich curriculum, is particularly important for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Since 2012, the Department has funded a National Poetry Recitation Competition, which helps to develop and support inspiring poetry teaching in schools and to motivate pupils and teachers to explore our rich literary heritage. Pupils in Key Stages 2, 3, 4 and 5 choose poems from the online anthology covering 1,000 years of poetry and recite these in school-based competitions.

The Department for Education is seeking a lead provider, consortium or similar entity to deliver the National Poetry Recitation Competition in the academic years 2022/23, 23/24 and 24/25, according to the following objectives:

- To encourage and facilitate the registration and participation of schools in the competition, particularly state schools with high levels of pupils receiving pupil-premium funding and free school meals.
- To curate an anthology of poems with accompanying information and context.
- To produce and signpost to further resources to support the wider teaching of poetry, with the aim of improving teacher knowledge and confidence in the teaching of poetry.

Indicative Dates for Procurement:

Subject to internal clearances, we intend to publish the Invitation to Tender in March 2022. Contract award will take place around June 2022 with contract commencement in September 2022.

The Department is managing this Procurement based upon the 'Open' tendering procedure as defined by the Public Contracts Regulation 2015 (Regulation 27).

If your organisation is interested in attending this engagement event you must do so via the Department's e-tendering portal - Jaggaer: <http://education.app.jaggaer.com>

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80100000 - Primary education services
- 80200000 - Secondary education services
- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 92000000 - Recreational, cultural and sporting services
- 92310000 - Artistic and literary creation and interpretation services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This notice is a zero value PIN notice to announce a potential opportunity for an anticipated three-year contract. It is for information only and is not a call for competition. The Department reserves the right not to enter a formal procurement process and not proceed with contract award. Accordingly, the Department will not be liable for any bid cost, expenditure, work or effort incurred by any organisation in acting on the basis of this Prior Information Notice.

All information included in this notice is indicative and subject to change.

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

23 March 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