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Planning

In-Service Training for FE Teaching

Department for Education

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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

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

In-Service Training for FE Teaching

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department is looking to engage a provider/s to be a national delivery partner to deliver Taking Teaching Further (TTF), to support FE providers to recruit new teachers to teach in the Further Education sector. TTF is currently managed by one supplier. The service requirements include, but not limited to administration of funding, general administration, evaluation, market insight, marketing, and end to end programme

management.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Given the wider economic importance of FE in raising skills levels and providing a passport to opportunity for young people and adults – particularly through the successful delivery of T Levels and apprenticeships – we need sufficient numbers of highly skilled teachers in place to deliver high quality, work relevant skills training. But there is also a very real need for those teachers to possess industry expertise and excellent teaching skills. This is paramount for delivering first-rate FE teaching.

Outline Requirement

The aim of TTF is to increase the number of highly skilled teachers in place to deliver high quality, work relevant skills training by supporting FE providers to recruit and retain new teachers.

TTF seeks to do this by funding FE providers to recruit new teachers. The main components of the programme are:

- i. Training while teaching, which is consistent with FE culture and offers career changers the security of a job and a salary;
- ii. Part-time study, which is a sustainable way of learning while also working in a teaching role, and a Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training (DET), which is the right qualification level;
- iii. Mentoring / work shadowing and a reduced workload in the first year of teaching, to create the capacity and support to train; and

iv. An externally contracted delivery partner to administer funding to providers, provide additional support, including information and advice to promote the programme, and secure take up.

Current Provision

The Education and Training Foundation (ETF) have delivered this programme through three pilot rounds, from 2018/19 to 2021/22 and a fourth round has just been announced. For further information, please see the ETF website. <https://www.etf-foundation.co.uk/supporting/support-teacher-recruitment/taking-teaching-further/>

Planned TTF Growth

Given the current shortage of FE teachers, we are developing proposals to continue to deliver the initiative. Rounds 1 and 2 offered places for 150 teachers, and round 3 made 550 places available. Round 4 will make a further 550 places available to the sector. The size and scope of this initiative in the future is expanding in response to participant feedback but the extent of these changes is yet to be confirmed. However, based on current information, we anticipate it could be around 1,000 places in the first year, rising to 4,000 in the third year.

Market Engagement

We would like to engage with organisations that have delivered similar funding programmes. DfE invites suggestions and feedback on the proposed content and structure of the programme from the market, including industry experts, specialists and suppliers.

To participate in market engagement please email: with any suggestions and/or feedback in your email, along with the following details:

- 1) Organisation name;
- 2) Contact name;
- 3) Job title of contact (including responsibility within your organisation);
- 4) Contact phone number;
- 5) Contact email;

6) Organisation website link.

DFE are also hosting a Market Engagement event which will take place:

Date: w/c 22nd February 2021

Location: Online due to current lockdown restrictions

If you wish to attend the event please email: HEFE.Commercial@education.gov.uk including the name of your organisation and the names of no more than two proposed attendees by 15th February 2021. Title the email 'In-Service Training for FE Teaching Market Engagement Event'. Acknowledgment and further information regarding your presentation slot will be sent by Monday 8th February 2021 (for those who reply after the 8th February, an acknowledgement response will be sent within 24 hours).

This PIN does not constitute a commitment by the department to begin any procurement activity or award a contract in relation to the PIN's subject matter. Attendees are responsible for their own costs of attending the event.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

4 June 2021

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