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Call for competition: Wave 3 Skills Bootcamps Procurement consisting of 7 defined Lots

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-030e27

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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://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

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

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>

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

Jaggaer Portal Ref: ITT_1136

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 previously issued an opportunity notice through Contracts Finder publication reference: 96fbcbb9-36ca-4071-b4e9-703d557c633e & URL: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/1c7f4032-d5a0-4593-ab9a-1cddebae87d9>

The Government is investing £2.5 billion (£3 billion when including Barnett funding for devolved administrations) in the National Skills Fund. This is a significant investment and has the potential to deliver new opportunities to generations of adults who may have been previously left behind.

Skills Bootcamps aim to secure benefits for adults 19+ by giving them access to in-demand skills training and a guaranteed interview for a more sustainable, higher-skilled job and higher wages over time. The benefits for employers include helping them fill specific skills shortage vacancies, enabling them to become more productive, more quickly.

The overall aims of the Skills Bootcamps are:

a. to deliver *flexible training programmes lasting up to 16 weeks, based on employer / sector 'in-demand' skills needs which may be either regulated (i.e. qualification based) or non-regulated (e.g. based on

alignment with industry standards) enabling adults (19+) to do training around work and other commitments, looking to gain work, additional responsibilities, or access new opportunities and will offer a

guaranteed job interview (in the case of a new job) to individual participants on completion of the course.

b. to address the needs of adults (19+) who are full-time and part-time employed, unemployed, returning to work after a break or self-employed, and provide individuals with wider access to opportunities to retrain, update or formalise their skills or acquire specialist skills.

c. to address the needs of employers and the wider economy, to deliver targeted interventions to meet short-medium term demand to fill vacancies and drive productivity. They will help fill medium-higher level vacancies and bring individuals closer to better jobs, by linking them with line of sight to a job/ different role, additional responsibilities or new opportunities/contracts.

d. to help fill vacancies and bring individuals closer to better jobs (including those currently in employment), by linking them with line of sight to a job / different role, additional responsibilities or new opportunities / contracts.

We initially tested Skills Bootcamps in a range of Digital Skills such as digital marketing, software development and cyber security from Autumn 2020 and have expanded across England to include a wider range of more technical and specialist courses such as

construction, retrofit, electro technical, photonics, marine design, electrical installation and more.

Any future mainstreaming decisions will be based on an evaluation of the Skills Bootcamp model to evidence what works and is subject to funding availability beyond FY2022-23. Potential Suppliers awarded contracts from this procurement exercise will be informed of future mainstreaming decisions in due course.

We are keen to see innovative proposals of realistic and sustainable options that demonstrate commitment from all sides to a successful outcome.

Wave 3 Skills Bootcamp summary Lots (1-7):

Lot 1 – Digital Core

Lot 2 – Digital Bespoke

Lot 3 – Technical Core

Lot 4 – Technical Bespoke

Lot 5 - Construction

Lot 6 - Pathway to Accelerated Apprenticeships

Lot 7 – Green Skills

THE ANTICIPATED COMPETITION LAUNCH DATE IS EARLY W/C 24.01.22. IT IS ENCOURAGED THAT YOU CHECK JAGGAER REGULARLY FROM MONDAY 24.01.22 - 12 NOON ONWARDS, TO ACCESS THE OPPORTUNITY AT THE EARLIEST (POST LAUNCH).

PLEASE NOTE: THE MAXIMUM VALUE THAT CAN BE AWARDED THROUGH CONTRACTS ARISING FROM THIS PROCUREMENT (ALL x 7 LOTS) INCLUDING ALL POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS IS £150,000,000.00. EXTENSIONS WILL BE AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £150,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

Lot 1 – Digital Core

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
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II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Duration in months

12

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

Lot 2 – Digital Bespoke

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

Lot 3 – Technical Core

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

Lot 4 – Technical Bespoke

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

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II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

Lot 5 - Construction

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
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Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

Lot 6 - Pathway to Accelerated Apprenticeships

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

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II.2.1) Title

Lot No

Lot 7 – Green Skills

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

Previous Contract Delivery:

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Under the provisions of the Light Touch Regime, Potential Providers are required to provide the name of 3 References who are previous customers who can confirm that the Potential Provider has successfully delivered key aspects of the Skills Bootcamps model previously. The Authority will contact a minimum of one of those referees to conduct a telephone/Teams interview where we will ask a pre-scripted question set to provide confidence that the Potential Provider has a track record in successfully delivering key aspects of the Skills Bootcamps model. In the case of Employers bidding to train their own employees, the telephone/Teams interview will be with that employer to provide confidence that they have previously successfully delivered key elements of the Skills Bootcamps model within their own organisation.

Based upon this, the result will be a Pass or Fail.

Further information can be found in PPN04-15 Taking Account of Suppliers' Past Performance.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

This is an accelerated Open procedure utilising LTR provisions.

This Procurement is issued in accordance with the PCR 2015. The Services that are the subject of this procurement are captured by PCR 2015 Chapter 3, Section 7 (Social and other specific services).

This procurement is being carried out in accordance with the Light Touch Regime applying the principles of the Open Procedure as set out in the PCR 2015. The requisite stages of the process and the requirements for each stage are set out fully in the ITT which Potential Contractors must read carefully.

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

28 February 2022

Local time

11:59am

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

28 February 2022

Local time

12:01pm

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Department for Education, Commercial professionals, fully compliant with Public Contract Regulations 2015

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

Interested suppliers must ensure they are registered on the Jaggaer portal in order to participate in this procurement. Please ensure that the person who will be conducting the communications for your bid is the official contact in your Jaggaer registration.

All associated bidder questions and/or clarifications must be communicated through the Jaggaer E-Sourcing portal, adhering to Public Contracts Regulations 2015, section 18, transparency requirements

The publication of this notice does not constitute any commitment by the Department for Education to award funding and commits only to the call for competition and subsequent invitation to tender.

Please see Jaggaer guidance instructions attached.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department For Education

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Country

United Kingdom