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Planning

Early Years: accredited Level 3 training for Special Educational Needs Coordinators

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

Early Years: accredited Level 3 training for Special Educational Needs Coordinators

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This notice is associated with the EY Recovery Programme strand 5 Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) training: Invest in specialist SEND expertise by increasing the number of staff with an accredited Level 3 EY SENCO qualification, leading to better identification of SEND and better support for those children.

An early engagement event took place on 10 November 2021. Further details can be found at:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/46ef704d-6fae-4825-b455-6fc5fe12fef4>

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £10,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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All future information will be issued to potential providers via the DfE eTendering Portal. Providers can access this system at:

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/>

for details of how to register and the terms of free registration.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

28 February 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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Evidence suggests that the vast majority of group based providers and childminders have access to a designated SENCO. However, there is a need to scale up the provision of qualified SENCOs, especially in areas with higher levels of disadvantage.

Increasing the number of trained SENCOs will contribute to better SEND identification and support, at a time when the Covid 19 pandemic has significantly reduced opportunities to identify, and address, SEND amongst children not yet of compulsory school age.

We know that there are a number of organisations across England offering an accredited Level 3 EY SENCO qualification. We are seeking an opportunity to increase the number of training places available to group based staff and childminders.

We will be seeking a supplier, or suppliers, to deliver training of up to 5,000 early years SENCOs, working in group based settings or as childminders, leading to an accredited Level 3 EY SENCO qualification. We want training to be nationally available, with targeting in certain areas to be determined by the DfE.

The contract is expected to run from July 2022 for two years, with a total value of up to £10m.