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Planning

Somerset Community Learning

Department for Education

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKK23 - Somerset

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/Department-for-Education>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/Department-for-Education>

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

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

Somerset Community Learning

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This procurement is for delivery of ESFA funded Community Learning for the AY21/22 in the geographical area of Somerset only. Somerset is comprised of a two-tier non-metropolitan county, administered by Somerset County Council and five district councils, and two unitary authority areas.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,524,199

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK23 - Somerset

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The purpose of this notice is to notify the market of a forthcoming procurement opportunity

for delivery of education and training to adult learners' resident in Somerset, through a single ESFA funded Community Learning contract for services.

The existing ESFA funded Community Learning contract for services in Somerset will come to an end on 31 July 2021. As a result, a competitive procurement exercise under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 for a single ESFA funded Community Learning contract for services will open week commencing 15 March 2021. The contract will start on 1 August 2021 and cease on 31 July 2022. Subject to the outcome of the Further Education reform White paper, and affordability, the ESFA may include a right to extend the contract for a limited period.

The procurement will be open to providers who are seeking to deliver education and training provision funded by ESFA Community Learning to adults' resident in Somerset. Providers do not need to be listed on the Register of Training Organisations as this is due to be decommissioned. Providers will need to meet the quality standards that will be set out in the procurement documents.

The procurement will fund:

- delivery of ESFA funded Community Learning services to adult learners' resident in the geographical area of Somerset only. ESFA funded Community Learning funding is focused on people who are disadvantaged and least likely to participate in learning, including those in rural areas and people on low incomes with low skills. For many learners, this is a first step towards further learning, voluntary work and / or paid employment.
- delivery in Somerset only, which is comprised of a two-tier non-metropolitan county, administered by Somerset County Council and five district councils, and two unitary authority areas. The five districts of Somerset are West Somerset, South Somerset, Taunton Deane, Mendip, and Sedgemoor. The two unitary authorities are North Somerset and Bath & North East Somerset.
- any Contractor to whom we award a contract must provide flexible timetabling and modes of teaching and learning (for example, evening classes, bite sized delivery, and drop-in sessions) to attract those furthest from learning, and/or with mild to moderate mental health issues or other disadvantages.

There will be a market engagement webinar on Thursday 25 February 2021 - 9.45am to 10.45am. The webinar will communicate the procurement requirements to potential bidders and answer any queries that may help support your bid.

Reservations to attend the Market Engagement Webinar should be made by emailing your interest to our mailbox: ESFAProcurement.HELP@education.gov.uk

The webinar will be delivered through the TEAMS platform with an audio and visual presentation, followed by a question and answer session.

Once you have emailed your interest, we will reply to your email with joining instructions so you can attend the webinar.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

18 March 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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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