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Tender

Emergency End Point Assessment Framework Agreement

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

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

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

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>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Emergency End Point Assessment Framework Agreement

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The ESFA is procuring a Framework Agreement for a small number of high-quality End Point Assessment Organisations (EPAO), who would be ready to act on an emergency basis as EPAO for Apprentices on a named apprenticeship Standard. This could occur if there is no EPAO already in place, for example if an Apprentice's planned EPAO had exited the market. EPAOs that are awarded a place on the Framework Agreement are called "Framework Suppliers".

The ESFA wants to ensure that it has appropriate coverage for assessment of every Standard and every geographical location in England.

The Framework also presents an opportunity for Framework Agreement Suppliers to support the assessment market.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £750,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 80531000 - Industrial and technical training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The ESFA wants to ensure that it has appropriate coverage for assessment of every Standard and every geographical location in England.

The Framework also presents an opportunity for Framework Agreement Suppliers to support the assessment market. All information regarding this procurement can be found within the procurement documentation.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70%

Price - Weighting: 30%

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £750,000

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

Start date

1 June 2021

End date

30 May 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

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

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

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

26 March 2021

Local time

5:00pm

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

9 April 2021

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

Interested economic operators (Potential Contractors) are required to register on the Authority's e-tendering portal. Applicants can access this system at <https://education.app.jaggaer.com> where the details of how to register and the terms of free registration are provided.

Potential Contractors are referred to the procurement documents accompanying this Contract Notice for additional information on this procurement and in relation to this Contract Notice.

The Authority reserves the right to withdraw from or discontinue the procurement process, which shall include the right to not award a Contracts or Contracts as a result of this call for competition.

Tenders and all supporting documentation for the contract must be in English and priced in sterling.

The Authority will not be liable for any bid costs, expenditure, work or effort incurred by a Potential Contractor in proceeding or participating in this procurement, including if the procurement process is terminated or amended by the Authority.

This is a 2 stage open procurement commencing on the 17th February 2021.

Deadline of receipt of SSQ is 26th March 2021

Issue of ITT is 9th April 2021

Deadline for receipt of Tender is 30th April 2021

The full timeline can be viewed in the procurement documentation.

It is the preliminary view of the contracting authority that TUPE does not apply to this procurement.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom