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Contract

## **DfE - Disability Support Services 2022**

Department for the Economy

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-003470

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02ecfb

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **NUTS code**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Economic and financial affairs

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

DfE - Disability Support Services 2022

Reference number

ID 3616166

**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 the Economy is seeking to procure a Disability Support Service (DSS) to provide specialist and other distinctive disability support in respect of participant's

disability needs who participate on the Client's Vocational and Educational Training programmes. Multiple suppliers will deliver specialist training across Northern Ireland. This contract will be subdivided into lots. Tenders may be submitted for 5 Lots comprising of 5 Disability Areas where DSS support may be needed by an eligible participant. These 5 lots are: 1) Cognition and Learning 2) Social, Behavioural, Emotional and Well-Being 3) Speech, Language and Communication Needs 4) Sensory 5) Physical Needs The aim of the DSS is to provide this further support in the form of Pre-Entry Training Support prior to the participant entering a programme and In-Training Disability Support while they are taking part on their programme.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £9,286,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 1 Cognition and Learning

Lot No

1

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80210000 - Technical and vocational secondary education services
- 80211000 - Technical secondary education services
- 80212000 - Vocational secondary education services
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- 80340000 - Special education services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 80520000 - Training facilities
- 80521000 - Training programme services

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- 80561000 - Health training services
- 80570000 - Personal development training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 Methodology for Pre-Entry Support / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Methodology for In-Training Disability Support / Weighting: 35

Cost criterion - Name: AC3 Cost per hour for Pre-Entry Support / Weighting: 15

Cost criterion - Name: AC4 Cost per hour for In-Training Disability Support / Weighting: 35

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

One option to extend for 12 months after expiry of initial contract period until 31 July 2024.

### **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 2 Social, Behavioural, Emotional and Well-Being

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80210000 - Technical and vocational secondary education services
- 80211000 - Technical secondary education services
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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 3 Speech, Language and Communication Needs

Lot No

3

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 4 Sensory

Lot No

4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 5 Physical Needs

Lot No

5

## **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-025998](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

1

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

LOT 1 Cognition and Learning

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

29 December 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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The contractor is an SME

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The contractor is an SME

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The contractor is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,857,200

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,857,200

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

2

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

LOT 2 Social, Behavioural, Emotional and Well-Being

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

29 December 2021

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,857,200

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,857,200

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

3

### **Lot No**

3

### **Title**

LOT 3 Speech, Language and Communication Needs

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

29 December 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,857,200

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,857,200

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**Section V. Award of contract**

**Contract No**

4

**Lot No**

4

**Title**

LOT 4 Sensory

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

**V.2) Award of contract**

**V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

29 December 2021

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0



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Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

5

### **Lot No**

5

### **Title**

LOT 5 Physical Needs

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The DSS Contractor must comply with and provide the Client with data or information as specified in the Contract Management/Monitoring Schedule as well as routine management reports on the programme as specified by the Client from time to time. As requested by the Client, the DSS Contractor may also be required to provide information in relation to particular service issues brought to the attention of the Minister or raised directly with the Client by an individual. In providing information to answer Ministerial or other cases, the DSS Contractor may have to liaise with members of its supply chain. If this is necessary the DSS Contractor must ensure that there is no delay in doing so and the target timescales are met..

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead, any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

As above

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complies with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and incorporated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision and provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.