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## **Invitation to Tender for Trialling Framework Service 2025 -2028**

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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

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

Department for Education

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London

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#### **Telephone**

+44 8700012345

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main 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/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>

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

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

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

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#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Standards and Testing Agency (STA) is responsible for developing and delivering statutory national curriculum tests in English Reading, English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS), Mathematics, Phonics, and the Reception Baseline Assessment for schools. The STA ensures these tests are of the highest quality, accessible to all, inclusive, and free from bias.

The Agency invites potential bidders to participate in the tender process, aiming to appoint up to five suppliers to a new trialling framework.

The initial framework term will be three years (from June 2025 to June 2028), with an option to extend for an additional 12 months.

The total framework value is not expected to exceed £18M ( including the extension period).

Trialling is essential to the STA's operating model for delivering new assessments and adding to the bank of items for current assessments. Two types of trials are conducted:

Item Validation Trial (IVT): A relatively small-scale trial providing evidence to support item development, such as refining question wording and developing coding frames.

Technical Pre-Test (TPT): A larger-scale trial providing statistical evidence related to items.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £18,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

ADD

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £18,000,000

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

Start date

1 July 2025

End date

30 June 2028

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: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend the framework term for an additional period of 12 months

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

27 March 2025

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

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

27 March 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

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

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom