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Contract

Flexible Working Programme

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<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

Flexible Working Programme

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 Education (DfE) is looking to appoint a provider or consortium of providers, to deliver a culture change programme focused on embedding flexible working in schools, and multi academy trusts (MATs).

Increasing opportunities for flexible working in schools is a key priority for the Department, as set out in the 2019 recruitment and retention strategy. A commitment to championing a culture of flexible working in schools was also reinforced in the 2022 'Opportunity for all' Schools White Paper.

The successful tenderer will:

- Design a strategy for culture change and promote the programme across the sector, ensuring a focus on:
 - Schools and MATs (both primary and secondary).

- Schools/MATs with high proportions of pupils receiving pupil premium.
- Specific specialisms such as Pupil Referral Units/Alternative Provision and Special Educational Needs and Disability.
- Deliver a programme of workshops and webinars targeted at key audience groups.
- Support the strategic and operational delivery of 12 Flexible Working Ambassador MATs/Schools, which will be appointed and funded separately by the Department.

Subject to the Terms and Conditions of Contract, the contract will run from Autumn 2022 until Spring 2025 with the potential to extend for a further 12 months subject to the necessary financial approvals and acceptable performance. Any extension would be at the absolute discretion of the Department.

The maximum budget allocated is £572,000, excluding VAT for the initial contract term.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £768,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A single provider to design, develop and provide training for school leaders on implementing effective flexible working practices, including on how to develop whole-school, strategic approaches.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

II.2.14) Additional information

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

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

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IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 February 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Capita Business Services Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £559,572.11

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom