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## **Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for Employment and Health Related Test and Learn Provision**

Department for Work and Pensions

F02: Contract notice

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

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

Department for Work and Pensions

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Leeds

LS2 7UA

#### **Email**

[cd.test-learn@dwp.gov.uk](mailto:cd.test-learn@dwp.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

### **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dwp-test-and-learn-dynamic-purchasing-system-guidance-for-businesses/dwp-test-and-learn-dps-how-to-register-and-apply>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://dwp.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

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

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

### **I.5) Main activity**

Social protection

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for Employment and Health Related Test and Learn Provision

Reference number

pqq\_28831

#### **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 Work and Pensions (DWP) has updated the 'Dynamic Purchasing System for Employment and Health Related Test and Learn Provision' Core Terms and Schedules ("Test and Learn DPS Contract") alongside the Instructions to Potential Suppliers and Application Guidance documentation. The updates to the Test and Learn DPS Contract shall take effect on 8th February 2024.

To summarise, the changes to the Test and Learn DPS are as follows:

- Removal/replacement of certain European Union references;
- Updated security call-off schedule;
- Updated data processing provisions;
- Addition of an optional staff transfer call-off schedule;
- Change in the sequencing of signatures in the call-off award procedure so a buyer (rather than the supplier) will sign a call-off award form second;
- Change in the approach to financial standing assessments with more focus placed on a detailed assessment to be undertaken at the call-off competition stage rather than when potential suppliers apply to be admitted to the DPS; and

- Consequential amendments in light of changes referred to above.

DWP has also extended the anticipated duration of the Test and Learn DPS by an additional two years. The Test and Learn DPS is open ended but now has a nominal end date of 30 September 2026 (which may be extended further). The Test and Learn DPS Contract can be terminated by DWP with twenty (20) Working Days' notice.

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

Value excluding VAT: £20,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 80500000 - Training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales
- UKM - Scotland

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

This is a Contract Notice for social and specific services in accordance with regulation 75 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended). DWP established the Test and Learn DPS to procure these activities in in England, Scotland and Wales on 9 November 2018. The DPS is for the procurement of social and other services referred to in Regulation 74 of the Public Contracts Regulations (2015) and as such, the DPS was established using a light touch regime.

This DPS presents opportunities for organisations, with a focus on innovation and local specialist support, to be involved and test the development of new approaches for employment and health related activity. This will be key to building evidence to support the delivery of future provision at both national and local level.

DWP cannot confirm or guarantee any future business through the DPS, but it is anticipated that there will be some limited numbers of proof of concepts / test and learn projects over the duration of the DPS.

The T&L DPS is open ended with a nominal end date of 30 September 2026 (which may be extended further) but can be terminated by the Authority with twenty (20) Working Days' notice.

In line with the original OJEU notice, the expected total value of all call-off contracts under the T&L DPS is approximately £20,000,000.

This DPS Contract will be for the use of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and other contracting bodies (listed below), their Executive Agencies and those Non-Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs) sponsored by them. Further information including a list of such Agencies and Public Bodies can be viewed by selecting "Ministerial Departments (link is external)" on the Departmental website (link is external):

- The Department for Work and Pensions,
- Ministry of Justice,
- Department of Health and Social Care,
- The Department for Education,
- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government,
- Home Office,
- Scottish Government,

- Welsh Government,
- Local Authorities in England, Scotland and Wales.

#### **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: £20,000,000

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

End date

30 September 2026

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

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## **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

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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: [2018/S 205-468119](#)

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

Date

17 September 2026

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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

Date

17 September 2026

Local time

12:00pm



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

Suppliers Instructions:

How to Express Interest in this Tender:

1. Register on the eSourcing portal (this is only required once):

<https://dwp.bravosolution.co.uk> & click the link to register - Accept the terms & conditions & click 'continue' - Enter your correct business & user details - Note your chosen username & click 'Save'. You will receive an email with your password (keep this secure)

2. Express an Interest in the tender - Login to the portal with the username/password - Click the 'PQQs / ITTs Open To All Suppliers' link. (These are Pre-Qualification Questionnaires or Invitations to Tender open to any registered supplier) - Click on the relevant exercise to access the content. - Click the 'Express Interest' button at the top of the page. - This will move the PQQ /ITT into your 'My PQQs/ My ITTs' page. (A secure area reserved for your projects only) -You can now access any attachments by clicking 'Buyer Attachments' in the 'PQQ/ ITT Details' box

3. Responding to the tender - Click 'My Response' under 'PQQ/ ITT Details', you can choose to 'Create Response' or to 'Decline to Respond' (please give a reason if declining) - You can now use the 'Messages' function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification - Note the deadline for completion. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the PQQ/ ITT - There may be a mixture of online & offline actions to complete (detailed online help available). To submit your reply use the 'Submit Response' button (top of the page).

For further assistance please consult the online help, or the eTendering help desk.

DWP expressly reserves the rights(i)to use a reverse auction; (ii)to cancel this procurement at any stage; (iii)to not award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; (iv)and in no circumstances will DWP be liable for any costs incurred by potential suppliers.

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

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

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