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Contract

## **Support to the DfE Early Years Childcare Portfolio**

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0438f0

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

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

Department for Education

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London

SW1P 3BT

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#### **Telephone**

+44 0000000000

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Support to the DfE Early Years Childcare Portfolio

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

- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services

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

Services

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

Consultancy support to the DfE Early Years Childcare Portfolio to meet demands of the Early Years New Entitlement Programme.

#### **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: £401,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Consultancy support to the DfE Early Years Childcare Portfolio to meet demands of the Early Years New Entitlement Programme. Requirement includes: Working at both portfolio and programme level, develop initial versions of the planning, RAID, benefits, stakeholder mapping and resourcing templates. Deliver initial governance for the portfolio and programmes. Deliver localised training/ upskilling to members of the PMO to build internal capacity to deliver the PMO functions. Develop a delivery plan for the sufficiency work that captures the planned interventions at both national and local level with an estimation on

the impacts they will have on sufficiency and the timeline to delivering the impact. Provide ongoing PMO management support – including full handover.

#### Overview of the Programme:

In the government's spring budget, the Chancellor announced transformative reforms to childcare for parents, children, the economy and women. By 2027 to 2028, this government will expect to be spending in excess of £8bn every year on free hours and early education, helping working families with their childcare costs. This represents the single biggest investment in childcare in England ever.

This new offer will empower parents, allowing them to progress their careers and support their families. The new entitlements will be introduced in phases:

from April 2024, all working parents of 2-year-olds can access 15 hours per week

from September 2024, all working parents of children aged 9 months up to 3-years-old can access 15 hours per week

from September 2025, all working parents of children aged 9 months up to 3-years-old can access 30 hours free childcare per week

#### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This Agreement was entered into without a prior call for competition, for reasons of urgency, continuity, specialist supplier knowledge, and immediate supplier availability.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

### **Contract No**

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### **Title**

Support to the DfE Early Years Childcare Portfolio

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

30 November 2023

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

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

Canvs Ltd

Pinner, Greater London

HA55SL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £401,000

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

National Audit Office

London

Country

United Kingdom