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## **Chief Finance Officer Mentoring Pilot**

Department for Education

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

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

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#### **NUTS code**

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Chief Finance Officer Mentoring Pilot

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 800000000 - Education and training services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

We wish to complement the School Resource Management Advisor (SRMA) programme with a Chief Finance Officer (CFO) mentoring pilot by providing longer term support to academy trust CFOs working in some of the most challenging situations; those in trusts in intervention or with some financial difficulties, those in trusts that are growing and those that are new to the sector. The duration for this contract will be 14 months, from 1 July

2021 to 31 August 2022.

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

Value excluding VAT: £132,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 80510000 - Specialist training services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

ESFA will work with a Supplier who will identify, recruit, screen, induct and manage a minimum of 50 individuals (mentors) to fulfil the CFO mentoring programme. The supplier will oversee the mentoring process, ensuring the relationships are on target and will work with ESFA to unblock any issues. The Supplier will also lead on developing an evaluation for the pilot, working closely with ESFA to agree the best way to do this.

By providing sustained support, a CFO mentoring programme can play a key role in building capacity and capability for effective financial management within the academies sector. Results from this pilot will provide an indication of emerging outcomes and the effectiveness of the programme and will inform any decision as to whether we will scale up the pilot in the future.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

15 March 2021

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

We anticipate the invitation to tender process will go live in the next few weeks.

The Authority will be administering the procurement process electronically via Jaggaer, the Authority e-Procurement Solution (e-PS) portal. It can be accessed via your web browser at <https://education.app.jaggaer.com>