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## **Local Authority & Political Leadership Support**

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-029c61

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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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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS 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>

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>

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

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

Body governed by public law

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

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Local Authority & Political Leadership Support

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

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

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

Services

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

Over the past three years, the Department's Children's Social Care Improvement Programme has become well established and has included a leadership development programme, that targets political and corporate leaders of LAs, which has seen some success. The Department wishes to expand this type of support, with the primary objective of improving the leadership of LA children's services (including Special Educational Needs and Disability ), by ensuring that local political and corporate leaders can fulfil their statutory role effectively and provide appropriate scrutiny and challenge, to drive forward the improvement of services for the most vulnerable children and their families.

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

Value excluding VAT: £5,300,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

A Universal Offer

Lot No

1

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

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

Project Objectives:

1. Provide leadership development programmes for new and existing political leaders, with responsibility for children's services, to ensure they understand their statutory role and can provide effective scrutiny and challenge to senior officials to improve children's social care and SEND services.
2. Provide leadership development programmes for corporate leaders, with responsibility for children's services, to ensure a clear understanding of what 'Good' children's social care and SEND services look like, and how to get there.
3. Facilitate and develop regional networking for political and corporate leaders, with a focus on children's services, so that leaders have a support system to help them deliver their role effectively.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70%

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30%

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

Start date

31 May 2021

End date

31 March 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Optional 12 month extension

#### **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

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

A Targeted Support Offer

Lot No

2

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

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

Project Objectives:

1. To provide targeted improvement support to select LAs, to be agreed with the Department, with a focus on the effectiveness of LA senior leaders, the effectiveness of

partnerships (with the Police and clinical commissioning groups as a minimum) and the strategic approach to improving children's social care and SEND services – this will include specifically working with the director of children's services (DCS), the local authority chief executive, the lead member and partner representatives, as a minimum.

2. To support LA leaders with challenges in their children's social care and SEND services, arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, and the development and delivery of recovery plans.

3. To provide diagnostic services to select LAs, to be agreed with the Department, with a focus on the effectiveness of corporate parenting arrangements and advisory support to deliver the resulting recommendations and improvements.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70%

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30%

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

Start date

31 May 2021

End date

31 March 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Optional 12 month extension

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

An Intensive Support Offer

Lot No

3

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

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

Project Objectives:

1. To provide one to one support to individual political and corporate leaders to improve their understanding of what 'Good' children's social care and SEND services look like, from legal compliance to excellence, and how to get there.
2. To facilitate and develop the understanding of local political groups, such as cabinet and children's scrutiny committees.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70%

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30%

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

Start date

31 May 2021

End date

31 March 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Optional 12 month extension

#### **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 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

19 April 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

19 April 2021

Local time

12:01pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

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

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

High Court of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom