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Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Department for Education

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London

SW1P 3BT

#### **Email**

[Vicki.GREGG@education.gov.uk](mailto:Vicki.GREGG@education.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region 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/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

Vicki Gregg

Nottingham

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### **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**

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

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

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

Services

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

The purpose of this PIN is to initiate market consultation and is not being used as a call for competition. The PIN is intended to:

1. Raise awareness with the market of a potential future procurement process and to enable time for organisations to begin early discussions with the Department and each other as to how they may be able to deliver any future contract.
2. Inform the market that the Department will be undertaking market consultation activity during the coming weeks, to gather information about the supply market; to explore potential delivery models and associated benefits of those models; and to inform its understanding of the risks and issues relevant to managing transition to, and mobilisation of, any new service arrangements. This will consist of a virtual event via MS Teams with the opportunity to also attend a commercial in confidence, 1:1 virtual meeting between interested suppliers and the Department. The 1:1 session will give an opportunity to discuss in more depth, aspects of the project that may be unclear and highlight what aspects of the procurement are most attractive. We aim for this event to take place Thursday, 23rd March, 13.30-16.30. If you are interested, please contact [vicki.gregg@education.gov.uk](mailto:vicki.gregg@education.gov.uk) to arrange an invitation to the event, advising if you would also like a follow up 1:1 session. We intend to share the outcomes from the main session with all potential suppliers following the conclusion of the consultation period.

The services relate to the Department's aim to procure a package of training workshops, information and advice for kinship carers in England. This is in response to the

Independent Review of Children's Social Care (Care Review) call on Government to deliver a training and information package of support for kinship carers and their families.

We want this programme of work to give all kinship carers (those with a legal order and informal kinship carers) across the country the opportunity to access support and training. This should include:

1. A national information hub for kinship carers: information, advice and guidance hosted on a website and available in written formats, which gives kinship carers information on issues which affect them and their children (e.g., how to find a school place, how to register for a GP etc.)
2. A local offer of bespoke kinship training: in-person and online delivery of training modules which assist kinship carers in providing care for the children. This could include modules on attachment, trauma informed practice, managing family dynamics, or preparation for becoming a kinship carer.

We are seeking proposals to deliver this objective. We would at a minimum expect:

- Workshops
- Face to face training
- Online information
- Online support

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

Value excluding VAT: £7,500,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

see above description

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

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

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

Start date

1 October 2023

End date

31 March 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 optional 1 year extensions

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

### **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.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Demonstrate expertise in Children's Social Care and kinship care

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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

22 March 2023

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

1 May 2023

Local time

5:00pm

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Subject to change, this notice is only regarding market engagement.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom