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Tender

Digital Content Innovation Fund

Ministry of Justice

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice/about/procurement

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

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

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Digital Content Innovation Fund

Reference number

prj_8915

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Authority is looking for Bidders who can:

- Provide hard to reach prisoners with increased education skills via digital content

Applicable to both Lots.

Digital resources which provide evidence of the skills/knowledge that a learner has learnt by interacting with the content

A selection of content which contributes to a more engaging and agile way of delivering education digitally

Provide solutions which could help prisoners to engage in education independently from their cells as well as in formal classroom settings.

A selection of content which contributes to a more engaging and agile way of delivering education digitally

Provide digital content which makes use of innovative techniques like those used in mainstream Further Education, such as gamification, to drive engagement from learners

who would not usually engage in traditional forms of education.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,750,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 2

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Bidders will have the option bid for either Lot 1 (reading) or Lot 2 (other education topics). Bids can be accepted for both lots from the same supplier providing it meets the stated requirements for both lots.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

Lot 1 - Reading - Digital Literacy Content

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75231200 - Services related to the detention or rehabilitation of criminals
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKE2 - North Yorkshire
- UKE4 - West Yorkshire

Main site or place of performance

HMPPS sites

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1: to provide high-quality digital resources which teach learners the skills to read, and which teaches the skills needed to help other people learn to read which will allow learners in prison the opportunity to improve their reading capabilities digitally

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: £875,000

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

Duration in months

23

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

Lot 2 - Other Education Digital Content

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75231200 - Services related to the detention or rehabilitation of criminals
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD6 - Cheshire
- UKE4 - West Yorkshire
- UKF1 - Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

Main site or place of performance

HMPPS sites

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2: to provide high-quality digital content for a range of subjects and topics which provide learners the opportunity to improve their skills and/or knowledge. The range of subjects will not be specified but should be agreed between the buyer and the supplier and should be focused away from core provision (English & maths) on other areas of education, skills and work and should not duplicate existing content.

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: £875,000

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

Duration in months

25

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

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

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Contract performance conditions as stated in the procurement documents.

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

27 March 2023

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: 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

27 March 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: The Authority reserves the right to extend this contract for a maximum of 24 months.

VI.3) Additional information

Procurement procedure:

This requirement has been classified as being subject to the Light Touch Regime under the Public Contract Regulations 2015. Under the Light Touch Regime, the Authority is not obliged to observe the full requirements of the Regulations, including the detailed rules and timescales applicable to the procurement procedures covered by the Regulations. This is irrespective of the use of this standard notice (the Authority is unable to use the Light Touch Regime notice for technical compatibility reasons). The Authority will comply with its equal treatment, transparency, non-discrimination and proportionality obligations throughout the procurement.

The eSourcing Portal and procurement documents:

The Authority is using the Jaggaer electronic eSourcing Portal (formerly Bravo) for the procurement. The ITT, which is comprised of a number of volumes, is available only in electronic format via the eSourcing Portal. Bidders must register the names of all contacts requiring access to the sourcing event and should submit queries via the

eSourcing Portal.

Award of contract:

The Authority is not committed to any course of action as a result of this Contract Notice. It is not liable for any costs incurred in respect of expressing an interest, participating in dialogue or in tendering for this opportunity. The Authority reserves the right to abandon or terminate the procurement and not to award a contract at its own discretion. Nothing in this Contract Notice shall generate any contractual obligations prior to the signature of a Contract.

Important notice:

This Contract Notice must be read in full together with the procurement documents being

released at this stage of the procurement. Bidders are reminded that participation in this procurement will be subject to the conditions of participation set out in the procurement documents and the eSourcing Portal.

Transparency:

HM Government requires that tender documentation issued by government departments for contracts exceeding 10 000 GBP over the life of the contract are published online (www.gov.uk/contracts-finder) for the general public. The resulting contract shall also be published. The Authority may use its discretion to redact information to protect key commercial interest or on prescribed grounds. Therefore, potential providers who wish information not to be published, if successful, should secure agreements with the Authority prior to submission. These could cover key commercial interest, trade secrets and commercial interests which would be prejudiced by publication, all following the test in section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1178/commercial-interests-section-43-foia-guidance.pdf>).

Only documentation related to the award will be published. The prescribed grounds for redaction are:

- (a) national security;
- (b) personal data;
- (c) information protected by intellectual property rights;
- (d) information which is not in the public interest to disclose (following tests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000);
- (e) third party confidential information;
- (f) IT security; and
- (g) Prevention of fraud.

Freedom of information (FOI):

The Freedom of Information Act came fully into force in 2005. If any organisation considers that any information supplied by them is either commercially sensitive or confidential in nature, this should be highlighted and the reasons for its sensitivities specified. In such cases the relevant material will in response to FOI requests be examined in the light of exemptions provided for in the Act.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Government

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