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Tender

## **CON 1403 - Support & Development for Microsoft software-based applications and services**

The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted)

F02: Contract notice

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

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

The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted)

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London

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-London:-IT-services:-consulting%2C-software-development%2C-Internet-and-support./2P56Z2FQMX>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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**

Other activity

We inspect services providing education & skills for learners of all ages. We also regulate & inspect services that care for children & young people

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

CON 1403 - Support & Development for Microsoft software-based applications and services

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

Services

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

The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) is pleased to invite you to submit a formal tender submission to become our supplier for Support & Development for Microsoft software-based applications and services.

The Contract Term will be for an initial 4-year period\* with the option to extend for up to a further 2 years subject to the agreement of both parties.

\*including a break clause / review point at year 2).

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,700,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM

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

The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) is pleased to invite you to submit a formal tender submission to become our supplier for Support & Development for Microsoft software-based applications and services.

The contract is for a comprehensive support and periodic development service for a range

of Microsoft software-based applications.

The contract will cover three Commercial elements;-

- Commercial element 1 – Onboarding and readiness service.
- Commercial element 2 - Comprehensive 3rd Line Tech support service to support our Microsoft software-based applications and services.
- Commercial element 3 - Periodic Product Development for services specified by Ofsted across a range of Microsoft software-based applications and services.

The opportunity is available to Potential Suppliers that have, as a minimum, the following Microsoft accreditations:

Microsoft Solutions Partner designation: Business Applications

Microsoft Solutions Partner designation: Modern Work

Microsoft Solutions Specialization: Low code application development

The Contract Term will be for an initial 4-year period\* with the option to extend for up to a further 2 years subject to the agreement of both parties.

\*including a break clause / review point at year 2).

The option to extend the contract will be solely at Ofsted's discretion and will be subject to satisfactory supplier performance, government approval and the availability of funding.

Potential Suppliers should not make any assumption that Ofsted will exercise its discretion to extend the contract for any specific period or at all.

Please note, the advertised contract value is not a commitment of spend, but the maximum contract headroom available for the entire 6-year period (i.e. if all extensions options were activated)

#### **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: £1,775,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Contract Term will be for an initial 4-year period\* with the option to extend for up to a further 2 years subject to the agreement of both parties. \*including a break clause / review point at year 2).

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

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

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\*including a break clause / review point at year 2).

### **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.2.14) Additional information**

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## **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

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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

27 March 2024

Local time

11:59am

#### **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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

27 March 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

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

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

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

London

Country



United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Ofsted will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.