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Tender

Educational Psychologist Training

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03ac80

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=55358>

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/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=55358>

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Educational Psychologist Training

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

It is the Department for Education's intention to undertake a procurement exercise to appoint a suitably experienced organisation to deliver on behalf of the department a 6 year contract from 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2029 to training more EPs to join the public sector workforce, while improving coverage of EPs across the regions of England.

There are two contracts available as part of this procurement. These are presented as two lots:

Lot 1 - London and South East - Minimum of 65 places per cohort expected.

Lot 2 - South West, West Midlands, East Midlands, East of England, Yorkshire and Humber, North East and North West - Minimum of 139 places per cohort expected.

The total value of these contracts combined is anticipated to be £32.2m, which would train three cohorts, each with over 200 trainee educational psychologists. The DfE recently announced an investment of £21m for the first two cohorts, however, the final of these three cohorts will be subject to future Spending Review agreement. We are open to this work being split across multiple suppliers. This budget would be expected to fund the full three-year tuition fees for trainee educational psychologists, as well as a first-year bursary payment for trainees, and associated course administration costs.

We anticipate a six-year contract, commencing in September 2023 and terminating in August 2029. There would be a period of approximately one year allotted between contract commencement in September 2023, and the start date of the first trainee cohort, in September 2024. This period is to facilitate the Contractor(s) to become HCPC

accredited and to become compliant with any other technical or legal standard, and to run the recruitment process for the 2024 trainee cohort.

The current EP training programme has established a strong reputation in the market as a prestigious postgraduate training route for EPs. This procurement offers an opportunity to maintain the high quality of the training and to develop the programme to meet the needs of employers of psychological services to children and young people, particularly Local Authorities.

We are particularly interested in provision which actively encourages trainees from regions with current shortages of qualified educational psychologists, and welcome suggestions to approach this.

To view the tender, you will need to be registered as a supplier on the DfE Jaggaer eTendering portal, available at <https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

The closing date for submitting your tender is 09:00am GMT on the 11th April 2023.

Please find the link to the ITT in the Jaggaer portal here:

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=55358>

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £32,165,992

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

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

Lot 1 – London and South East – £10,546,327. Minimum of 65 places per cohort expected.

Lot 2 – South West, West Midlands, East Midlands, East of England, Yorkshire and Humber, North East and North West – £21,619,665. Minimum of 139 places per cohort expected.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 – London and South East

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

London and South East

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 – London and South East – £10,546,327.

Minimum of 65 places per cohort expected.

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: £10,546,327

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

Start date

1 September 2023

End date

31 August 2029

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 2 – South West, West Midlands, East Midlands, East of England, Yorkshire and Humber, North East and North West

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

South West, West Midlands, East Midlands, East of England, Yorkshire and Humber, North East and North West

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2 – South West, West Midlands, East Midlands, East of England, Yorkshire and Humber, North East and North West – £21,619,665.

Minimum of 139 places per cohort expected.

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

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1 September 2023

End date

31 August 2029

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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

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

28 February 2023

Local time

5:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

23 February 2023

Local time

5:00pm

Place

Jaggaer

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=55358>

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