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## **Early Years: accredited Level 3 training for Special Educational Needs Coordinators**

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-031f8e

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

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

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#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

**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 the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/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

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Early Years: accredited Level 3 training for Special Educational Needs Coordinators

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Research has shown that the pandemic has had an impact on the ability of EY settings to identify and support children with SEND. It has also had an impact on family and home environments, which as well as affecting children already in early years care, has affected children who will enter early years provision during the Covid-19 pandemic recovery period i.e. between now and August 2024.

The Department for Education intends to increase specialist expertise in SEND by increasing the number of Level 3 qualified SENCOs in group based settings and childminder settings, at a critical time for early years children, and in particular at a time when the Covid-19 pandemic has significantly reduced opportunities to identify and address SEND amongst children not yet of compulsory school age.

To further aid understanding of the SENCO role in these settings and what a qualification to enable an individual to perform this role should include, the department, with input from key EY sector stakeholders, put together two documents ("Early years level 3 SENCO qualification specification" and "Role description of the early years special educational needs coordinator") which are available on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk).

The primary objective for this contract is to increase the number of Level 3 qualified SENCOs, available to children in group based settings and childminder settings, who have the knowledge and skills to properly fulfil the role of a SENCO described in the code of practice and in the role description.

The Supplier will deliver training of up to 5,000 SENCOs. Training will be available across England but with minimum % targets for each LA region. Training must take place between September 2022 and 31 August 2024. Training must result in an accredited

Level 3 EY SENCO qualification.

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

Value excluding VAT: £10,000,000

#### **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**

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#### **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 July 2022

End date

31 August 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

12 month extension option

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

12 month extension option included

**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 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

11 April 2022

Local time

9:00am

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

English

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

Date

11 April 2022

Local time

9:00am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

This open competition will be run via the DfE's e-procurement portal, Jaggaer. It is recommended that to avoid missing out, interested organisations register on this system as soon as possible. Links to the site and related guidance can be found via the following above.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/procurement#jaggaer-the-dfe-etendering-portal>

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

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

Department for Education

Nottingham

Country

United Kingdom