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Planning

Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs

Department for Education

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from 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

Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to notify the market of forthcoming procurement activity relating to the Department for Education's Early Years Recovery Programme.

The DfE has an upcoming commercial need that will require support from a delivery

partner to deliver a new network of Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs in England.

The Stronger Practice Hubs will support early years providers and practitioners to adopt evidence-based practice improvements to address key COVID-19 recovery issues and build local networks for sharing effective practice. Building on the Early Years Foundation Stage reforms, the Hubs will be existing, strong early years settings with expertise and knowledge of what works to support child outcomes (and the supporting evidence base). Hubs will also have demonstrable experience of delivering effective practice for the benefit of children.

Stronger Practice Hubs are part of the Department for Education's £180 million investment in recovery support in the early years sector. This is designed to build a stronger, more expert workforce, enabling settings to deliver high quality teaching and help address the impact of the pandemic on the youngest children, particularly those in the most disadvantaged areas.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £999,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

We will be running an open procurement in accordance with PCR 2015.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

23 March 2022

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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