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SESLIP DPS

Kent County Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ - South East (England)

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

SESLIP DPS

Reference number

SC240046

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Kent County Council (KCC), on behalf of South East Sector Led Improvement Partnership (SESLIP), is looking to refresh the list of suitably qualified freelance consultants, who are available on an ad hoc basis to support and provide the below service. We are looking to produce a dynamic purchasing system (DPS) for this and are open to applications to join from suppliers that are interested.

SESLIP encourages and supports the political and professional leadership and management of local authority Children's Services, to demonstrate, develop and share good practice. Our programmes support the development of Children's Services as learning organisations, focusing on:

- Identifying key strands of enquiry
- Analysing and comparing operational data about the services
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The DPS will be live from 11th September 2024 until the 10th September 2026, suppliers are able to join the DPS during this time period.

Suppliers will be required to complete and pass a Selection Questionnaire (SQ) in order to apply for the DPS. All suppliers that pass the SQ will be awarded a place on the DPS.

If this opportunity is of interest, please register on the Kent Business Portal . The reference for the opportunity is "SC240046 - SESLIP - DPS" where you will be able to register your interest and be granted access to the SQ and supporting guidance.

Please note: This opportunity was previously advertised but due to a change in our e-tendering Portal, this notice is being re-published.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Selection Questionnaire / Weighting: Pass

Cost criterion - Name: N/A / Weighting: 0

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

Start date

29 January 2026

End date

10 September 2026

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: Yes

Description of options

Call offs awarded via the DPS may be extended at the Council's discretion.

The DPS itself does not have any extension options available.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

10 September 2026

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

English

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

Kent County Council

Maidstone

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Country

United Kingdom