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## **Commissioning of the Development & Award of the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales Level 3 Qualification**

Qualifications Wales

F23: Social and other specific services – concessions

Prior information notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

Qualifications Wales

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Newport

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKL2 - East Wales

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.qualificationswales.org>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA41978](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA41978)

**I.3) Communication**

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**

Education

## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Commissioning of the Development & Award of the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales Level 3 Qualification

Reference number

QW212201

#### **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 PIN is to initiate engagement with the market for the potential commissioning of a concession contract for the development and award of an Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales Level 3 qualification available in Welsh and English. This qualification would be primarily designed for learners aged 16 to 19 in Wales. This PIN is not being used as a call for competition.

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

Value excluding VAT: £5,949,474

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

This concession is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 80200000 - Secondary education services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

Schools and colleges across Wales.

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

On 23 February 2021 we published a notice of our Intention to Restrict the qualification we wish to develop to one form and to secure its development and delivery via a commissioning route (<https://www.qualificationswales.org/media/7136/intention-to-restrict-notice.pdf>). The deadline for representations has now passed. We would like to speak to awarding bodies that may be interested in developing a qualification in this area.

The information that we gather will be used to inform the development of the contract specification which would be used if we decide to proceed with the procurement process.

We will be arranging Teams meetings with potential bidders to take place between 28 April and 14 May. The meetings will take the form of a structured discussion with us. This will involve us asking participants a series of questions which we will provide in advance. Responses will be informal and not be considered in or form part of any subsequent procurement process.

Questions that participants put to us during the dialogue will be collated so that when we are in a position to respond, we will issue one set of information to all interested parties at the same time.

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,949,474

#### **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**

Parties interested in participating in pre-tender engagement with us should email [procurement@qualificationswales.org](mailto:procurement@qualificationswales.org) to book a Teams meeting, Please insert 'Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales pre-tender engagement' in the subject area of the email, state your interest and the names, job titles and email addresses of those who will take part from your organisation.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Interested parties should email [procurement@qualificationswales.org](mailto:procurement@qualificationswales.org) to request participation in the pre-tender engagement. Please contact us at your earliest convenience to secure your slot.

When you contact us to arrange a meeting, we will send you the questions, a briefing note, the draft contract specification, the draft qualification approval criteria and the terms and conditions that will apply to the concession contract, for you to review and prepare your responses prior to your meeting with us.

### **III.2) Conditions related to the concession**

#### **III.2.2) Concession performance conditions**

Only awarding bodies recognised by Qualifications Wales will be able to deliver this contract therefore interested parties must either already be recognised awarding bodies or achieve

recognition by Qualifications Wales within a period starting from the notification of intention to award a contract. The period for achieving recognition will be confirmed in the contract notice should we proceed to tender

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for submission of applications or receipt of tenders**

Date

30 April 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

Participants in the pre-tender engagement will not be committed to taking part in any subsequent tender exercise.

Should we proceed to the formal procurement process, we will publish another notice (anticipated to be June 2021) and we will run the process using the electronic tender system etenderwales (<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>).

Eligible organisations that do not participate in the pre-tender engagement will still be able to participate in any subsequent tender exercise

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Sell2Wales Web Site at [https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=109410](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=109410).

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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