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

Qualifications Wales

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F23: Social and other specific services – concessions

Prior information notice

Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

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Main address

<http://www.qualificationswales.org>

Buyer's address

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 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.

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 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

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.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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