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Planning

Market Engagement – HMPPS Adult Prison Education Services in England

Ministry of Justice

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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

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Market Engagement – HMPPS Adult Prison Education Services in England

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) is establishing the Government's vision to deliver a Prisoner Education Service which equips prisoners with the numeracy, literacy, skills and qualifications they need to get jobs or apprenticeships after they leave custody. We will therefore be seeking to procure new contracts to deliver education services in prisons across England.

Our vision is that everyone of working age and able to work should leave prison prepared for employment or further education and training. The new service will therefore expand the scope of 'prison education', bringing together areas of learning, skills and work into one transformative service. This will facilitate better outcomes for prisoners on release and ultimately contribute to reducing reoffending.

To achieve this vision, we are seeking to procure new education contracts by engaging with a diverse range of providers and suppliers that can offer prisoners a range of learning opportunities.

In issuing this Prior Information Notice, the MoJ is seeking to inform the market of this planned procurement with a view to initiating a series of market consultations in the near future.

The MoJ intends to hold a market engagement launch event on 26th April 10:45 to 12:15 via MS Teams webinar.

To register your interest for the market engagement launch event on the 26th April 2022, please register on Jaggaer (if not already registered) as follows:

1) Creating an account or logging into the MoJ eSourcing portal at:
<https://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk>

2) Within the portal users can navigate using the left side menu, selecting 'PQQs Open to All Suppliers' or 'My PQQ's' if already registered and then selecting 'PQQ_285 - Engagement Opportunity: Prison Education'.

3) Users can express an interest by clicking 'Express interest'.

The attachments area of the PQQ contains an invitation registration to the Market Engagement Launch Event.

For the avoidance of doubt, the use of a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) is used solely for the purposes of expressions of interest and to act as a system mechanism for sharing information and communicating with interested parties. There is no requirement to complete a questionnaire or submit information.

This notice relates to an engagement opportunity and is not a call for competition or an invitation to take part in pre-qualification proceedings.

Enquiries relating to the exercise should be directed to CCMD-PrisonEducationService-Programme@Justice.gov.uk.

For technical assistance with the MoJ eSourcing Portal please contact the central support team using the details provided on the portal homepage.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,500,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

General description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 75231200 - Services related to the detention or rehabilitation of criminals

- 79634000 - Career guidance services
- 79995000 - Library management services
- 80200000 - Secondary education services
- 80210000 - Technical and vocational secondary education services
- 80211000 - Technical secondary education services
- 80212000 - Vocational secondary education services
- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80420000 - E-learning services
- 80490000 - Operation of an educational centre
- 80500000 - Training services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 80531000 - Industrial and technical training services
- 80531100 - Industrial training services
- 80531200 - Technical training services
- 80532000 - Management training services
- 80533000 - Computer-user familiarisation and training services
- 80533100 - Computer training services
- 80533200 - Computer courses
- 80540000 - Environmental training services
- 80550000 - Safety training services
- 80560000 - Health and first-aid training services
- 80561000 - Health training services
- 80562000 - First-aid training services
- 80570000 - Personal development training services
- 80580000 - Provision of language courses

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The purpose of this engagement is to secure wider market involvement in the testing and development of a new Prisoner Education Service in the HMPPS Prison Estate in England. MoJ is seeking to assess the level of interest, capability and capacity of a wide range of education providers to deliver the new service.

The procurement of these education services will cover the full scope of Prison education and all associated services. A procurement process is anticipated to commence in Spring 2023.

The Authority plans to hold a launch event to start the market engagement via MS Teams on 26th April 2022 from 10:45 – 12:15. This will include more specific information on service objectives and requirements. There will be an opportunity to ask questions during the live event as well as at any time afterwards.

The Market Engagement Launch event will be presented by Sarah McKnight (Deputy Director for Reducing Reoffending) who will be joined by Amy Rees (Director General for Probation, Wales, and Youth) to set out our vision for improving prison education, skills and work provision. Suppliers attending the event will gain a better understanding of how they can engage with and participate in the next stages of the market engagement process (see below).

This will include additional subject specific supplier webinars, one-to-one meetings and questionnaires that will take place. Topics we would like to hear suppliers' views on may include but are not limited to: providing a curriculum which meet the needs of people in prison; strengthening links between education, skills and employment; and innovation and best practice within education provision in the community.

Suppliers must register to the MoJ eProcurement Jaggaer platform [<https://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>], to register to the Launch event and, when available, to access further information on the Prisoner Education Service and background to working with the Prison Service. All suppliers must be registered on Jaggaer to receive this information.

We are very interested to hear suppliers' views throughout this process to enable us to shape new procurement and contracting arrangements that will improve performance, quality learner engagement and value for money.

We reserve the right to supplement and vary the conduct of the market engagement process. Where we do this, we will act transparently and treat all suppliers who have expressed an interest equally.

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The procurement exercise will run via the eSourcing portal <https://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk>. If your organisation is not already registered, then we advise you to register using the above link.

II.2.14) Additional information

The publication of this early engagement opportunity is a voluntary publication and does not represent an acknowledgement regarding the applicability of procurement or other rules governing

any potential future process nor a commitment by the MoJ to initiate, run or complete a full procurement competition in relation to a contract for the services described.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

7 December 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