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Opportunity

Diocese of St Albans Multi-Academy Trust - ICT Partner

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F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://www.stalbansdmat.co.uk>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.stalbansdmat.co.uk/working-with-us/it/>

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

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Diocese of St Albans Multi-Academy Trust - ICT Partner

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Diocese of St Albans Multi-Academy Trust (DSAMAT) encompasses 13 schools and circa 3071 pupils in and around Dunstable and Bedford.

The Trust Head Office is based at Manshead CE Academy.

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We are an inclusive Trust, working with schools in the Diocese of St Albans (the Local Authority areas of Hertfordshire, Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire, Luton, parts of the London Borough of Barnet and two parishes in Buckinghamshire). Our Trust works with Church of England and community schools that share our values and ethos, and a commitment to a broad education that prepares pupils for a happy, fulfilled life.

We have a clear vision about creating and maintaining successful schools that serve their unique local communities through the provision of a rich and diverse curriculum underpinned by Christian values.

The Trust exists to make a difference and improve the lives of our pupils, staff, and wider community. To do this, we have three strategic aims:

1. To deliver an excellent education for children and young people, that will enable them to flourish throughout their lives.
2. To be an employer of choice, ensuring that staff and volunteers flourish in our care and are

enabled to be the best that they can be.

3. To act as responsible stewards, securing strong and sustainable futures for our schools and communities

Like many Trusts DSAMAT has brought together a group of schools all of which originally had their own ICT strategies, technologies, support arrangements, finances, teaching and learning approaches using ICT etc., so from a Trust perspective DSAMAT 'inherited' a number of 'ICT islands'.

Some progress has been made to begin to join up services. The Trust has plans for further expansion over the next 5 years - possible as much as another 10 schools including one secondary, so an ICT strategy is required to stabilize the current cohort of schools and provide a foundation for future growth.

The current ICT Support across the Trust is currently provided by a mix of both Trust-employed and contractor (3rd party) staff.

The Trust is taking the opportunity to go to the market to identify the best innovative and forward-looking partner to provide a single, holistic service and support them in the delivery and development of their ICT provision over the next five years.

The companies identified from these shortlisting questions to receive the ITT for the Managed Service will then receive a detailed set of requirements. For the purposes of this shortlisting stage bidders should assume that the service will include, but is not be limited to;

- strategic advice and direction to the Trust regarding ICT
- a 42 week core service, incorporating on-site staff/visits as necessary
- Service desk
- local staffing that bidders deem necessary to deliver the SLA
- responsibility for design, specification, installation, and management of all ICT infrastructure
- supply of goods and services based on an agreed Best Value approach
- management of all ICT against an agreed SLA
- management of 3rd parties

- relevant monitoring, management, patching and reporting
- training - technical and curriculum as necessary
- risk registers and inventory management
- collective partnership targets aligned to the Trusts objectives
- in school support for the integration and upgrade of the communications and security infrastructure

Bidders should note the following:

- The Trust will provide a standard contract as part of the ITT Pack
- There may be a requirement for TUPE of up to two existing Trust employees

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £8,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 30200000 - Computer equipment and supplies
- 32400000 - Networks
- 32500000 - Telecommunications equipment and supplies
- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH2 - Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £8,000,000

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

Duration in months

60

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: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.5) Information about negotiation

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

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

14 April 2023

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

21 April 2023

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.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Diocese of St Albans Multi-Academy Trust

Caddington

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United Kingdom