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Contract

DCS/Aspirant Leadership Programme con_24460

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03d852

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

Sanctuary Buildings Great Smith Street

London

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/>

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

DCS/Aspirant Leadership Programme con_24460

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This award notice is for the award of contract to VSC Plus Limited (the Staff College) regarding delivery of the DCS/Aspirants Leadership programme, commencing delivery from 1st April 2024.

The Initial Contract Period will run until 31 December 2026 (a total of 33 months), for which the value is £2,147,967.

Programme Delivery Periods (in which the programme content is delivered for either strand) will conclude by 31 March 2026 and the remainder of the Initial Contract Period will cover the Aspirant Coaching Period only.

The Buyer may extend the Contract to accommodate up to two further Programme Delivery Periods of the DCS and Aspirant Strand, in which case the contract end date will be December 2028, and the total contract value for the full contract term will not exceed £4,182,568.

Any extension will be subject to the satisfactory performance of the Supplier's obligations under the Contract during the Initial Contract Period, and the Supplier demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Buyer the economic benefit of the requirement to extend the contract.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £4,182,568

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The DCS/Aspirant Leadership Programme will provide a support and training package to newly appointed DCSs and those aspiring to become one. The programme will comprise of two strands:

- to provide leadership development training and support to DCSs in their first year within the role
- to provide training for aspirant DCSs, to equip participants with the skills and knowledge needed for the challenging DCS role, creating a pipeline of skilled, confident, and capable strategic leaders.

The programme will aim to equip DCSs in their first year in the role with the necessary skills and support needed to be exemplary leaders, whilst simultaneously creating a pipeline of effective future DCSs via the Aspirant strand. The programme will also seek to improve diversity amongst DCSs by recruiting Aspirants from a range of protected

characteristics and socio-economic backgrounds, leading to greater DCS diversity as they progress through their careers.

Both programme strands will embed child and family centred thinking to help support the delivery of children's services within LAs, aligning with central government policy, including the recommendations from Stable Homes, Built on Love report.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-017696](#)

IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

con_24460

Title

DCS/Aspirants Leadership Programme (con_24460)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

VSC Plus Limited (The Staff College)

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,182,568

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice

The Strands London WC2A 2LL

London

SW1P 3BT

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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