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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

SW1P 3BT

#### **Email**

[Jess.roberts@education.gov.uk](mailto:Jess.roberts@education.gov.uk)

#### **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

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### **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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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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