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Tender

Period Product provision to schools and post-16 education organisations across England

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/procurement>

I.3) Communication

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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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

Period Product provision to schools and post-16 education organisations across England

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33771100 - Sanitary towels or tampons

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Department for Education (DfE) is looking to provide free period products to schools and post-16 education providers across England through a procurement to appoint a national provider.

The provider will be required to deliver the end-to-end service, including the sourcing of products, management of the user interface(s) and the delivery of products directly to organisations.

The DfE's 2018 omnibus survey found that 83% of secondary school leaders reported making free period products available to pupils, with 41% doing so because of a reason related to pupils' inability to afford period products. Of the secondary school leaders who reported making free products available, 78% said provision was funded from school budgets, 26% used charitable donations and 17% said teachers funded products themselves.

No-one should be held back from reaching their potential, which is why we announced a scheme to provide access to free period products in schools and colleges in England, which is fully funded by the government. On 20 January 2020, the DfE launched the national period products scheme for all state maintained schools and 16-19 education organisations. Period product scheme for schools and colleges in England – GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) .

In January 2022, DfE announced that 68% of eligible organisations had accessed the scheme since it began, including 90% of eligible secondary schools. Period Products Scheme: 2021 Management Information (publishing.service.gov.uk)

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £24,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Department has published a tendering opportunity to find a single national supplier who can from September 2022:

- Source an appropriate range of period products including environmentally friendly products
- Design and implement user interfaces and support services
- Plan and execute a national delivery service

We require a 'demand-led' service which must be available to approximately 22,000 organisations across England, with an accessible and easy to use means of interaction and product ordering.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

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

Start date

1 July 2022

End date

31 August 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

12 month option at the Department's discretion

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

2 May 2022

Local time

9:00am

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom