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Independent Review Mechanism (IRM) Service

Department for Education

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Independent Review Mechanism (IRM) Service

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Department for Education are looking for a provider to run and manage the Independent Review Mechanism in line with the Regulations <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2009/395/contents/made> (The Department recommends that bidders read the Regulations before writing their bid). The contract is due to commence on 1 April 2021 and will be for an initial period of 2 years (dependent on funding renewal) with a further optional extension of 1 year.

The IRM provides an essential statutory service to prospective and existing foster parents, adopters and adult adoptees. The main function of the IRM is to offer an objective and independent route for applicants to request a review of decisions made their around approvals and records access made by local services. The service offered by the IRM is unique within the sector and offers the opportunity for applicants to have their case heard by an independent panel of children's social care experts.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.6) Original notice reference

Notice number: [2021/S 000-008399](#)

Section VII. Changes

VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice

Section number

II

Place of text to be modified

II.2.4

Read

Text

The Department for Education are enacting the optional 1 year extension taking the contract end date to 31st March 2024.