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## **Stimulating the SME market for T levels**

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Department for Education

Sanctuary Buildings, 20, Great Smith Street

London

SW1P 3BT

#### **Email**

[stevinder.binning@education.gov.uk](mailto:stevinder.binning@education.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

## **I.3) Communication**

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

## **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**

Stimulating the SME market for T levels

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

T Levels launched in September 2020, the programme will continue to grow over the next few years. SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises) currently require additional support at this early stage to embed the programme as it grows. SMEs make up the largest proportion of the national economy and it is recognised that SMEs do not have the same infrastructure of larger employers. The DfE recognises there is a need for an extra layer of support to broker placements as part of a T Level placement.

Contractors will need to show how they intend to engage the SME market whilst they emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic, to increase their ability and willingness to offer placements.

In addition to brokering the relationship between the employer and provider, the contractor and learner must ensure that both parties agree learner objectives which are to be signed by the employer and provider.

This procurement is tendering for 4 National Lots as stated within the ITTs.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,242,125

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Construction and the Built Environment

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

T Levels launched in September 2020, the programme will continue to grow over the next few years. SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises) currently require additional support at this early stage to embed the programme as it grows. SMEs make up the largest proportion of the national economy and it is recognised that SMEs do not have the same infrastructure of larger employers. The DfE recognises there is a need for an extra layer of support to broker placements as part of a T Level placement.

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This procurement is tendering for 4 National Lots as stated within the ITT.

### **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: £672,750

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

Start date

8 June 2022

End date

31 March 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for a further year

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Business Operations

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

T Levels launched in September 2020, the programme will continue to grow over the next few years. SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises) currently require additional support at this early stage to embed the programme as it grows. SMEs make up the largest proportion of the national economy and it is recognised that SMEs do not have the same infrastructure of larger employers. The DfE recognises there is a need for an extra layer of support to broker placements as part of a T Level placement.

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This procurement is tendering for 4 National Lots as stated within the ITT.

### **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: £249,000

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

Start date

8 June 2022

End date

31 March 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for a further year

## **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Engineering & Manufacturing

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 800000000 - Education and training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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Contractors will need to show how they intend to engage the SME market whilst they emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic, to increase their ability and willingness to offer placements.

In addition to brokering the relationship between the employer and provider, the contractor and learner must ensure that both parties agree learner objectives which are to be signed by the employer and provider.

This procurement is tendering for 4 National Lots as stated within the ITT.

### **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: £533,625

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

Start date

8 June 2022



End date

31 March 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for a further year

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Digital

Lot No

4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

T Levels launched in September 2020, the programme will continue to grow over the next few years. SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises) currently require additional support at this early stage to embed the programme as it grows. SMEs make up the largest proportion of the national economy and it is recognised that SMEs do not have the same infrastructure of larger employers. The DfE recognises there is a need for an extra layer of support to broker placements as part of a T Level placement.

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This procurement is tendering for 4 National Lots as stated within the ITT.

## **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: £786,750

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

Start date

8 June 2022

End date

31 March 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for a further year

#### **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

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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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

3 May 2022

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

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

3 May 2022

Local time

9:00am

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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