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Tender

Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

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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.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

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/web/login.html>

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department for Education intends to deliver a new network of Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs in England. The Hubs will be responsible for supporting other early years settings with adopting evidence-based practice improvements to address key COVID-19 recovery issues and build local networks for sharing effective practice.

Building on the Early Years Foundation Stage reforms, the Hubs will be existing, well-established early years settings with expertise and knowledge of what works to support child outcomes, and the supporting evidence base. Hubs will also have demonstrable experience of delivering effective practice for the benefit of children. The programme is part of the Department for Education's £180 million investment in recovery support in the early years sector.

The objective for this tender is to support the delivery of 18 Hubs over the duration of the contract. This will involve co-designing and running an exercise to select the Stronger Practice Hubs, providing oversight and quality assurance of the Hubs throughout the delivery period and facilitating best practice and intelligence sharing between Hubs and with the Department for Education and other partners.

This contract will run from July 2022 to December 2024, with a possible contract extension of one year. The programme set up period will run from July 2022 to November 2022, with Hubs expected to launch in November 2022. Programme delivery will run until October 2024, followed by a two-month wind-down period at the end of the contract.

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

DfE are running a competitive tendering exercise subject to OJEU principles and PCR 2015. This is a single stage open procurement exercise taking into account quality, price and social value.

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

Duration in months

30

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

12 month extension option

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

11 May 2022

Local time

8:00am

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 8 August 2022

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

11 May 2022

Local time

8:00am

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

National Audit Office

London

Country

United Kingdom