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Planning

Preliminary Market Engagement for Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust IT Infrastructure Project

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust

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Scope

Reference

DMAT01.22

Description

Dartmoor Multi-Academy Trust strategic aim is to improve its IT network infrastructure across the school estate , to achieve the guidelines set by the Department for Education (DfE). The initiative was prompted by the critical need for a resilient, secure, and high-performing digital infrastructure to support the Trust's educational objectives.

NGC Networks, in collaboration with Transformative were commissioned to undertake an audit of the Switch Level Network for each school and propose an action plan to deliver the improvements needed to deliver the project outcomes.

Whilst the Trust's aim is to deliver the improvements at all schools, this is likely to take a number of years over a phased approach due to the costs involved.

Therefore, the Trust have initially prioritised works to be completed at the following two sites, with the tender being published by the end of the Spring Term 2025, with the works to be delivered during the summer holidays 2025.

a. Holsworthy College

b. Okehampton College

As experts in the field, the Trust wish to engage with contractors for the purpose of pre-market engagement to gather valuable information from potential suppliers to inform the Trust's procurement strategy and project plan.

The aim of this exercise will be to enable the Trust to develop a clear understanding of the market, potential solutions for the IT infrastructure works and to prepare for the upcoming tender.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 4 August 2025 to 31 August 2025
- Possible extension to 31 August 2026
- 1 year, 28 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 30000000 - Office and computing machinery, equipment and supplies except furniture and software packages

Contract locations

- UKK4 - Devon

Engagement

Engagement deadline

24 March 2025

Engagement process description

If you would like to participate in the Preliminary Market Engagement process please email tenders@phplaw.co.uk and an Instruction Pack will be emailed to you. This will include the Introduction Information to the project, the technical specifications from the school audits and the link to the MS Form which will enable you to complete a questionnaire.

In addition, there is a preliminary market engagement virtual meeting available to attend, which you can join via MS Teams, Meeting ID: 329 972 062 270

Passcode: LD28se9f. This is for Tuesday 25th March at 12 noon.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

4 April 2025

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

PHP Law LLP

Summary of their role in this procurement: Procurement Consultant

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