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Planning

Emerging Skills Project in Electrification

Department for Education

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Emerging Skills Project in Electrification

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

‘Emerging Skills’ are defined as those related to ‘Emerging Technologies’ and necessary to exploit their application in industry as they become widespread. The technologies themselves may have existed for some time or be cutting-edge, but their diffusion into industry is at an early stage, with low take-up ahead of wide-scale adoption. Examples include industrial digitalisation technologies such as additive manufacturing, robotics, AI, electrification and advanced materials.

Following January’s Skills for Jobs White Paper, we launched the first Emerging Skills Project in partnership with the High Value Manufacturing Catapult and the Institutes of

Technology. This project uses the Skills Value Chain approach to stimulate the adoption of cutting-edge skills in a given sector. The Skills Value Chain is made up of three core activities, delivered collaboratively in succession:

- Foresighting, an activity that forecasts emerging skills in a sector and identifies the gap in current provision and future need.
- Development of open license training content to meet the gaps identified in foresighting.
- Skills Diffusion, which consists of:
 - o 'Train the trainer' days.
 - o Provision of no-charge trainee days to upskill employees in the new emerging skills training content.

In addition to announcing the first Emerging Skills Project, the White Paper also explored whether this Skills Value Chain approach can be used in other emerging skills areas and to support Government priorities such as net zero. The focus for this second, net-zero project, is electrification. This project will provide some of the skills needed to deliver Point 4 of the Government's ten-point plan for a Green Industrial Revolution – accelerating the shift to zero emission vehicles.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,365,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80500000 - Training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This procurement exercise is to put in place a contract to deliver the second two activities

of the Skills Value Chain. The first activity, foresighting, will be delivered under a separate agreement. The services required are:

1. Development of short courses to meet emerging skills needs in electrification using the outputs from foresighting conducted in the Summer 2021.
2. Training and other necessary support of teaching staff in chosen providers to teach the courses developed at (1) through 'train the trainer' training days.
3. Delivery of courses developed at (1) to learner through the upskilling days for employees in the sector.

As the Skills Value Chain requires collaboration between organisations, we would expect bids to demonstrate collaborative working.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

21 June 2021

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Department for Education would like to invite you to a Pre-Market engagement webinar event in respect of this procurement the Emerging Skills Electrification Project

Event:

The event will be hosted via Microsoft Teams (dial in details will be shared via Eventbrite)

Date of Market Engagement event:

9th June 2021 – 3pm to 4pm

Closing date to register for the event:

7th June 2021 – 12:00 noon

Please register your interest by clicking on the Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/emerging-skills-programme-in-electrification-pre-market-engagement-webinar-tickets-154230765371>