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Planning

Training and Support Programme – Playwork Qualifications

Welsh Government

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Welsh Government

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Caerdydd / Cardiff

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKL - Wales

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://gov.wales>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Training and Support Programme – Playwork Qualifications

Reference number

C362/2022/2023

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The client aims to award 18-month contracts for delivery of the qualifications across Wales over an 18 month period, beginning September 2023 and ending March 2025. Targets for completion of playwork qualifications include:

- 300 Level 2 Award in Playwork Practice (L2APP) qualifications;
- 75 Playwork Principles into Practice Level 2 and 3 (P3) qualifications; and
- 750 Transition Award from Early Years to Playwork Level 3 (Transition) qualifications.

The qualifications have to be active and available to learners as listed on Qualifications in Wales (QIW) , these are the only qualifications that are available for public funding via this programme.

The client is currently developing the tender documents with an appropriate lotting strategy and aims to award four contracts with estimated contract values included (excluding VAT).

Lot 1 – Delivery of L2PP and P3 (All Wales basis) - GBP150,000 to GBP174,000

Lot 2 – Regional delivery of Transition to Playwork (North Wales) - GBP97,000 to GBP106,000

Lot 3 – Regional delivery of Transition to Playwork (Mid and West Wales) - GBP117,000 to GBP128,000

Lot 4 - Regional delivery of Transition to Playwork (South Wales). GBP176,000 to GBP192,000

We anticipate the tender will be published in Spring 2023, awarding contracts in Summer 2023 to start in September / October 2023. Further detail on the requirement and evaluation criteria for each contract will be made available in the tender documentation.

We are only seeking interest from suppliers who can provide the services required so please only register interest if you can meet the criteria and obtain the evidence outlined in this notice. Please register your interest to bid for the contract via this notice on [sell2wales](https://sell2wales.gov.uk).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

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
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80510000 - Specialist training services
- 80511000 - Staff training services
- 80521000 - Training programme services
- 75121000 - Administrative educational services
- 80110000 - Pre-school education services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80340000 - Special education services
- 80310000 - Youth education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To support the First Minister's vision for Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) which aims to create a single, high-quality, child-centred approach to ECEC, the Welsh Government intends to deliver a Training and Support programme.

The new Training and Support programme will replace the current Progress for Success programme which came to an end in March 2023. The intention of the Training and Support programme is to provide support to the childcare and playwork workforce to continue to upskill and raise the quality of provision offered to our youngest children in Wales. One element of the Training and Support programme is the funding for key playwork qualifications.

The client is seeking expressions of interest to deliver contracts for key playwork qualifications delivered by the Training and Support programme. At this stage we are seeking interest from suppliers with the ability to deliver three playwork qualifications, namely:

- Level 2 Award in Playwork Practice, intended to provide a good foundation of knowledge of playwork, for those working in childcare or holiday play schemes.
- Playwork Principles into Practice Level 2 and 3 builds on the knowledge of L2APP offering a progression route for playworkers who work in year-round playwork settings.
- Transition Award from Early Years to Playwork Level 3 aimed at those who already hold a childcare qualification, but who need a playwork qualification for their role.

The qualifications must be delivered bilingually and flexibly, using blended methods to maximise the number of participants.

Over the 18 month period, we estimate 1,125 playwork qualifications will be undertaken and completed. It is essential that providers achieve an 85% completion on the targets stated above.

In order to offer this provision, bidders must be an accredited centre with one of the awarding bodies who offer these qualifications and have the necessary accreditation to deliver these in Wales. For further information on the awarding bodies please visit the Qualifications in Wales (QIW) website – www.qiw.wales In order to deliver the L2APP and P3 courses, each provider is also required by the awarding body to hold a Service Level

Agreement (SLA) with Playwork Wales, who developed the qualifications, and whose role is to ensure that they are being delivered as intended.

Please be aware suppliers must obtain all necessary certification and accreditation evidence before the tender close deadline. Currently, there is no time allocated to obtain the required accreditation by the contract commencement, but bidders will need to confirm this with their chosen awarding body / accreditation centre prior to bidding.

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 June 2023

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: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Sell2Wales Web Site at

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=130842.

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