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Contract

National Professional Qualifications (NPQ) External Moderator

Department for Education

F03: Contract award 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

npq.externalmoderation@education.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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

National Professional Qualifications (NPQ) External Moderator

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of external moderation services for the National Professional Qualifications.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £6,490,792

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

From autumn 2021, a new and updated suite of NPQs is available for teachers and leaders who want to develop their knowledge and skills in school leadership and specialist areas of teaching practice.

These reforms include:

- replacing the current NPQ in middle leadership with three new NPQs for teachers and leaders who want to develop their expertise in specialist areas of teaching practice
- reforming the three existing NPQs in senior leadership, headship and executive leadership.

Subject to a further invitation to tender for NPQ provision launched in November 2021, we also envisage two further new NPQs in Leading Literacy and Early Years Leadership will be available from September 2022.

As the appeal and value of NPQs depends on the quality and consistency of the qualification, faith in the assessment process is paramount. Checking for assessment consistency across NPQ Lead Providers is vital, alongside ensuring a reliable and fair process for all participants. To achieve this level of quality and consistency, the DfE is looking to contract with an organisation with the ability to deliver a robust system for the external moderation of NPQ summative assessments.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Service Delivery / Weighting: 70%

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10%

Price - Weighting: 20%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract includes an option to extend the contract term by an additional 12 months and up to an additional £2.6m (ex-VAT).

This brings the potential maximum contract value to £9.5m (ex-VAT) over 5 years.

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 May 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Tribal Education Ltd

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £6,490,792

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Court of Justices, The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom