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Tender

The UK ENIC Service & Adjacent Services and for Home Office: The Provision of Qualification Equivalency and English Proficiency Assessment Services

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

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>

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>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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

The UK ENIC Service & Adjacent Services and for Home Office: The Provision of Qualification Equivalency and English Proficiency Assessment Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75130000 - Supporting services for the government

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

UK ENIC Service & Adjacent Services and for Home Office: The Provision of Qualification Equivalency and English Proficiency Assessment Services.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £80,500,000

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

To support the delivery of a UK national information centre to implement the Lisbon Recognition Convention and the Global Convention (the UK ENIC), the Department for Education requires a range of Services in relation to the Assessment of Qualifications and/or the recognition of Qualifications and comparability of non-UK Qualifications with those of the UK as set out in this Schedule. The Services will be provided to a variety of users, including individuals with non-UK Qualifications/skills, government departments

both in the UK and internationally, academic institutions, professional/regulatory bodies, commercial companies and employers. The Supplier will also be responsible for the provision of information on the education and training systems in the UK to support the international recognition of UK Qualifications.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department, acting through UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI), seeks to award a Service Contract to a supplier for the Provision of UK Visa Qualification Equivalency and English Proficiency Assessment Services. The Contract will be for an initial 5-year term including 2 optional 12-month extension periods (5+1+1). This service will evaluate and assure evidence from customers who hold International educational qualifications. The service will also check and assure International educational qualifications for equivalency to UK educational standards and levels, assuring the credibility and authenticity of the certificate and qualifications as required under Home Office immigration policy as part of a UK visa application process.

A single successful supplier shall be awarded both the DfE contract and the Home Office contract.

The procurement process that will award both contracts will be carried out electronically through the DfE's profile on Jaggaer, an online e-Procurement Solution portal. Potential bidders should therefore ensure they are registered on this portal, under the name of the legal organisation that intends to enter into the contracts to deliver the services. It can be accessed at <https://education.app.jaggaer.com>. For full details of the instructions to tenderers and the terms of participation, refer to the Invitation to Tender documents which are available in Jaggaer.

The Department is planning to host a Bidder Briefing Session on or around 17 April 2024 hosted via Microsoft Teams. If you would like to attend, please raise a clarification via Jaggaer with the representative's name, job title and email address.

The closing date for bids is 04/06/2024 @ 11:59 AM

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £80,500,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

4 June 2024

Local time

11:59am

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

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

4 June 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom