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## **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**

Department for Education

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London

SW1P 3BT

#### **Email**

[David.BUSSEY@education.gov.uk](mailto:David.BUSSEY@education.gov.uk)

#### **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>

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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