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## **Office for Students - Contract for evaluation case studies for revised condition B3**

Office for Students

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03c3e4

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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BS34 8SR

#### **Email**

[procurement@officeforstudents.org.uk](mailto:procurement@officeforstudents.org.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 1179317149

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/B8JW74G948>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/B8JW74G948>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Office for Students - Contract for evaluation case studies for revised condition B3

Reference number

PRN1938

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The Office for Students (OfS) is the regulator of higher education in England. The OfS has implemented a revised approach to regulating student outcomes, known as revised condition B3, which came into operation from October 3, 2022. As part of a wider programme of activity to evaluate the introduction of the revised condition, the OfS is seeking a supplier to conduct an impact evaluation of the condition in six providers. These six cases each look to uncover and explain the impact of the revised condition in the respective providers in terms of behaviour change, with robust evidence for the causal pathways and the ruling out of alternative explanations.

**II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £125,000

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

**II.2) Description****II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Main site or place of performance

Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

**II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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six cases each look to uncover and explain the impact of the revised condition in the respective providers in terms of behaviour change, with robust evidence for the causal pathways and the ruling out of alternative explanations.

#### **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: £125,000

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

Duration in months

10

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

#### **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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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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

5 June 2023

Local time

12:00pm

#### **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

5 June 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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**VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

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