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Fosterlink Service - Foster Carer Recruitment

Department for Education

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Fosterlink Service - Foster Carer Recruitment

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85320000 - Social services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department for Education has appointed a contractor for the provision of Fosterlink Service. The successful contractor will be responsible for developing, co-ordination and managing Fosterlink a support service for Local Authority (LA) fostering service providers, which will offer in-depth diagnostic support specifically focused on their recruitment and approval practices, with the aim of providing bespoke recommendations for improvement, alongside building a strong evidence base on which to share good practice nationally.

The initial contract term will be 16 months. The contract is expected to commence on the 01 December 2023 and run until 31 March 2025. There will be an option to extend its term for an additional period of 12 months. The optional extension will be subject to supplier contract performance, the requirements of the Department, the outcomes of the upcoming Spending Review and the steers of the party in leadership following the General Election at the end of 2024.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.6) Original notice reference

Notice number: [2024/S 000-001892](#)

Section VII. Changes

VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice

Section number

II.2

Place of text to be modified

II.2.4 Description

Read

Text

The Department is enacting the optional 1 year extension as mentioned in the original notices. The new total contract value including this extension is £802,224.23.