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Planning

## **Stimulating the SME Apprenticeship and T Level Market Procurement**

Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA)

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02b849

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

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

Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA)

Cheylesmore House South, Quinton Road

Coventry

CV1 2WT

#### **Email**

[esfaprocurement.help@education.gov.uk](mailto:esfaprocurement.help@education.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS 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.iaggaer.com>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

### **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**

Stimulating the SME Apprenticeship and T Level Market Procurement

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Department for Education, acting through the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), are seeking to procure outcome driven plans from intermediaries/partners and partnerships to build on the existing levels of awareness and business benefits amongst Employers and to stimulate and encourage new or renewed participation in Apprenticeships and T Level Industry placements within the Small and Medium Sized Employer (SME) landscape.

This focus on SMEs and the new starts created will increase the economic value of skills being supplied by the post 16 system and these improved skills will lead to increased productivity, social mobility and will support economic recovery.

A market engagement event will be conducted via Microsoft Teams in early July to provide further detail with regards to this opportunity and an update will be posted via Contracts Finder with details of how to access the event.

The intention is to publish the tender opportunity in July 2021 and the procurement will be run via the DfE eTendering Portal URL: <https://education.app.jaggaer.com> therefore please ensure that your organisation has an account registered on the Jaggaer portal to access the opportunity.

Please note that all information in this notice is indicative and subject to change.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £7,500,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Apprenticeships

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

T Levels

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

8 July 2021

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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