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Commissioning of the Development, Delivery & Award of the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales Level 3 Qualification

Qualifications Wales

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Prior information notice

Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

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Main address

<http://www.qualificationswales.org>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA41978

I.3) Communication

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

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Commissioning of the Development, Delivery & Award of the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales Level 3 Qualification

Reference number

QW212201

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a call for competition to award a concession contract to an awarding body to develop, deliver & award the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales (Level 3) qualification primarily designed for learners aged 16 to 19 in Wales.

This qualification must be ready for first teaching from 1 September 2023.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £6,032,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This concession is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80200000 - Secondary education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL2 - East Wales

Main site or place of performance

Schools and colleges across Wales.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

We wish to award a concession contract for the development, delivery and award of a new level 3 skills based qualification, the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales. On 23 February 2021 we published a notice of our Intention to Restrict the qualification we wish to develop to one form and to secure its development and delivery via a commissioning route. No representations were received and subsequently we intend to restrict this qualification to one form. The Notice of Determination to Restrict is due to be published on 8 June 2021.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £6,032,000

II.2.7) Duration of the concession

Start date

1 October 2021

End date

31 August 2033

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

The contract period is broken down as follows

Development & implementation period: From 1 October 2021 to 31 August 2023.

Exclusivity period: 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2030

Run-off period): 1 September 2030 to 31 August 2032.

Option to extend for up to a further year at the end of the post restriction period.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.2) Conditions related to the concession

III.2.2) Concession performance conditions

Only awarding bodies recognised by Qualifications Wales will be able to deliver this contract therefore interested parties must either already be recognised awarding bodies or achieve recognition by Qualifications Wales within 30 working days from the notification of intention to award a contract.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for submission of applications or receipt of tenders

Date

19 July 2021

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The estimated value of the contract has been calculated based on the average number of publicly funded certifications over a recent three-year period (2017-2020) for the current qualification. It should be noted that during these years, and at present, the Welsh Government policy of universal adoption has been in place. Such a policy is outside of our remit and therefore, we cannot provide assurance that the same approach will continue. Further information is provided in the background document provided with the invitation to tender on etenderwales.

The estimated total contract value is based upon the restricted approved qualification period of seven years when the successful bidder will have the exclusive right to deliver the Qualification.

Instructions for accessing the tender documents and submitting a response:

1. Interested organisations should register on etenderwales at <https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

2. Once registered, you must express an interest as follows:

a. login to etenderwales

b. select 'ITT'

c. select 'ITTs Open to All Suppliers'

d. access the listing relating to the ITT: [itt_87818](#) — Commissioning of Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales

e. click on 'Express Interest' button

f. once you have expressed interest, the ITT will move to 'my ITTs' where you can download and where you can construct your reply.

g. you must publish your reply using the 'publish' button

h. for any support in submitting your ITT, please contact the etenderwales help desk on 0800 3684852

NOTE: The authority is using eTenderwales to carry out this procurement process. To obtain further information record your interest on Sell2Wales at

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search_switch.aspx?ID=111187

(WA Ref:111187)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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