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## **Community Justice Learning (formerly Probation Qualification)**

Ministry of Justice.

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Public order and safety

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Community Justice Learning (formerly Probation Qualification)

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

The Professional Qualification in Probation (PQiP) is the mandatory training route for all Probation Officers that are employed by the Probation Service (which forms part of Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service) across England and Wales.

The Offender Management Act 2007 s10 sets out the Secretary of State for Justice's right to publish guidelines about qualifications, experience or training required to be a Probation Officer, and obligation to publish these guidelines in relation to those undertaking Sentence Management work. With effect from 1 April 2016 and as set out in statutory guidelines, all Trainee Probation Officers must undertake the Professional Qualification in Probation to qualify and perform the work of a Probation Officer. In light of the unification of the new Probation Service and the new Target Operating Model for Probation, the time is right to review the PQiP.

The PQiP as delivered currently (pursuant to the Community Justice Learning (CJL) Matrix – available as an annex) is a blend of:

- academic modules at Level 6 (and any required academic modules at Level 5 (as applicable)) to be delivered by the Contractor,
- a Vocational Qualification at Level 5 delivered by the Authority;
- and In- business Learning delivered by the Authority.

Work is underway within the Probation Service to review the PQiP. Any reforms to the Professional Qualification in Probation will still result in academic modules being delivered at Level 6. We anticipate that there will be large elements of the training scheme that will

continue to be delivered by the Authority as trainees learn “on the job”. It is the academic qualification at Level 6 (and any foundation/access modules) that we will be contracting for via this opportunity.

The Authority will conduct market engagement in June 2021 to inform service and contract design. Details regarding the initial market engagement can be found below; additional events may be publicised in due course.

If you would like to register to hear more background information about this and receive a market engagement questionnaire, please register on <https://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk>

Expressions of interest and market engagement responses to the questionnaire should be submitted to the Authority via BRAVO/Jaggaer no later than: 22nd June 2021 12 pm noon if you wish to participate in the market engagement exercise

This notice is being issued for market engagement purposes only. Any information provided is indicative only of the Authority's current intentions and is subject to change.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### **II.2) Description**

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

Lot No

The current intention is not yet known

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 75231240 - Probation services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80510000 - Specialist training services
- 80532000 - Management training services
- 80570000 - Personal development training services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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

10 January 2022

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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

The services within scope of the Authority's anticipated requirements are listed within Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR) and so pursuant to Regulation 74 of the PCR will be subject to the light touch regime under which the Authority is not obliged to comply with the full requirements of the PCR. The Authority will comply with its obligations of equal treatment, transparency, non-discrimination and proportionality at all times during the procurement.

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These proposed contracts will cover England and Wales only.

In accordance with the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012, the Authority must consider:

(a) how what is proposed to be procured might improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the area where it exercises its functions; and

(b) how in conducting the process of procurement it might act with a view to securing that improvement. Accordingly, the subject matter of the contracts will be scoped to take into account the priorities of the Authority relating to economic, social and environmental well-being. These priorities will also be reflected in the award evaluation criteria for the award of the contracts, to the extent that the Authority considers it relevant and proportionate to the subject matter of the contracts.

The Authority is not liable for any costs incurred by candidates or suppliers including in respect of participating in the market engagement nor expressing an interest or in tendering for this opportunity. The Authority reserves the right to abandon or terminate the procurement (or any part of it) at its own discretion.

Important Note: This PIN must be read in full. Applicants are reminded that participation in any subsequent procurement process will be subject to the terms and conditions set out in the selection questionnaire and the e-sourcing portal terms of use. The Authority intends to use an eTendering system in this procurement exercise and reserves the right to use a reverse auction