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## **Early Market Engagement for DfE Future Construction Procurement Approach**

Department for Education

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA43092](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA43092)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**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**

Education

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

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**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 45000000 - Construction work

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

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### II.1.4) Short description

The Department for Education (DfE) is responsible for funding and standards in education, which includes supporting the delivery of building and maintenance programmes for schools, academies, free schools and sixth-form colleges. At our heart, we are the department for realising potential. In respect of our school buildings, our vision is to provide good quality spaces and places to help schools deliver an excellent education for all children and young people.

This PIN is issued by the DfE to engage with the market seeking views for the potential for DfE's future procurement approach for construction of education buildings including schools, academies and further education institutions.

The DfE wishes both to build on the successes from its existing frameworks, and further develop modern methods of construction, innovation, sustainability, resilience, productivity and efficiency of delivery and value creation across the construction market, applying the principles and cross-cutting priorities in the Construction Playbook, and the themes in the Infrastructure and Projects Authority (IPA) Transforming Infrastructure Performance Roadmap to 2030.

DfE currently manages two bespoke frameworks for school buildings, which are: the DfE Offsite Schools Framework (Incorporating Modular & MMC delivery), which is due to expire in 2024, and the Construction Framework 2021 (which followed the Construction Framework 2017). DfE is also building on its recently issued specification for more sustainable school buildings towards carbon net zero in operation new schools.

The market engagement event will outline the current method for delivery of schools and present DfE Capital's current challenges and priorities. DfE are inviting market feedback on how the supply chain can help DfE to achieve those priorities to 2030 and beyond, and respond to these issues and shape future procurement strategy in line with Construction Playbook priorities and Transforming Infrastructure Performance Roadmap to 2030.

Interested parties must register to attend an in-person event to be held on Monday 20 June 2022 in Birmingham by no later than 12.00 noon on Friday 10th June 2022 at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pre-market-engagement-for-dfe-future-construction-procurement-approach-registration-315554842027>

Full event details will be confirmed following registration of interest. Please note that spaces are currently limited to 200 therefore a maximum of 2 people per organisation are permitted. Early registration is recommended. Also note this event is restricted to industry

specific organisations and DfE reserve the right to restrict attendees accordingly.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 45000000 - Construction work
- 44211000 - Prefabricated buildings
- 44211100 - Modular and portable buildings
- 45100000 - Site preparation work
- 45210000 - Building construction work
- 45214000 - Construction work for buildings relating to education and research
- 45214200 - Construction work for school buildings
- 45214210 - Primary school construction work
- 45214220 - Secondary school construction work
- 45214230 - Special school construction work
- 45214300 - Construction work for college buildings
- 45214310 - Vocational college construction work
- 45214320 - Technical college construction work
- 71221000 - Architectural services for buildings
- 71300000 - Engineering 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**

18 May 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: No

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This notice has been issued only to invite interested parties to a market engagement event on the DfE future procurement approach for capital projects. The contracting authority reserves the right not to commence any formal procurement process. The contracting authority also does not commit to any particular procurement route or method for its future procurement approach.

It is important to note that this PIN is not a call for competition and as such potential contractors will need to express interest in any future tender opportunity should a contract notice be published in Find a Tender Service and on Contracts Finder.

It should be noted that this PIN invites individuals and organisations to express an interest in this market engagement exercise only, it is not part of any pre-qualification or selection process.

This PIN is only issued as part of an awareness, communication, and information gathering exercise.

The contracting authority reserves the right (in its absolute discretion) to amend the information stated in this notice at the time of issue of any further notice(s) or at any time.

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