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Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03abcd

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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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.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

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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

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

There is a budget of £9M for this requirement, however Market Engagement has suggested that the actual cost will be lower and in the region between £3-£5M

The services relate to the Department's aim to procure a package of training, information, support and advice for kinship carers in England. This is in response to the Independent Review of Children's Social Care (Care Review) call on Government to deliver a training and information package of support for kinship carers and their families.

Kinship carers are relatives or friends who raise children who cannot safely remain with their parents. Across the UK more than 150,000 children are living with kinship carers – significantly more than are in the care system and many more than are adopted, making kinship care an important element of the children's social care system.

These children have often suffered similar adversities to those in the care system. These include parental substance misuse or mental or physical incapacity, domestic violence, imprisonment, teenage parenthood, parental separation or death. Child protection concerns are common. At least 20% of children raised in kinship care are affected by

some degree of emotional and behavioural difficulties¹.

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There is currently no national training and support offer for kinship carers, and what does exist is highly variable across different local authorities. Some organisations within the sector offer support, however none of that support is funded by the government. Some kinship carers attend foster carer training; however, the training isn't tailored to their specific needs (e.g. managing contact with a birth parent is different for a foster carer vs. a kinship carer).

Through this procurement we want to deliver on Government's commitment to deliver a training and support offer for all kinship carers by the end of this Spending Review (March 2025).

Bidders are invited to a Commercial on line event on Monday 15th May 2023 at 3PM which will outline the process we shall be undertaking for this procurement using the Light Touch Regime. Please contact vicki.gregg@education.gov.uk to register and receive the MS Teams invite.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85322000 - Community action programme

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

1 October 2023

End date

31 March 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 optional 1 year extensions

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Demonstrate expertise in Children's Social Care

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-005559](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

10 July 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

10 July 2023

Local time

12:01pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom