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## **Immersive English Language Training (IELT)**

Home Office

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

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

Home Office

Secretary of State for the Home Office, 2 Marsham Street

London

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office>

**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**

Immersive English Language Training (IELT)

Reference number

C21730

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

UK Home Office's International Directorate is currently engaged, to provide and manage English language (EL) training to specified police and law enforcement sectors.

EL training will initially comprise two phases:

- Overseas testing and general EL training
- Immersive general EL training in UK

Below sets out the requirements for UK-based EL suppliers, tendering to provide immersive general EL training to learners.

Overseas training partner

British Council (BC) has been selected as the overseas training partner for this programme and a contract is in place. By overseas we mean training in the end clients' home country – the immersive training which forms this procurement is conducting in the UK. This PIN relates exclusively to UK based immersive language training courses conducted in UK language schools in the UK.

Tendering EL suppliers are required to be willing and able to work with BC and other training

partners where necessary, to provide a strongly aligned learning experience to learners.

#### Overseas EL testing and training

Learners selected to undergo EL training will be tested using APTIS, a BC-developed English language proficiency test. The test comprises 5 components (grammar and vocabulary, reading, writing, listening, speaking) with results based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Once tested, learners will undergo up to 6 months' fulltime general EL training in home country, and on completion of the programme be retested using APTIS.

#### Immersive general EL training in UK

On completion of overseas EL training, selected learners who have reached a minimum of CEFR level A2 in final testing, will undergo a period of IELTS in UK.

Following IELTS in UK, returning learners may be retested using APTIS, for benchmarking purposes and evaluation of learner progression.

#### Outcomes

On completion of 3 months' IELTS:

- Learners at CEFR A2 level on entry, are expected to have progressed to CEFR B1 level (minimum) on completion of studies
- Learners at CEFR B1 level on entry, are expected to have progressed to CEFR B1+ level (minimum) on completion of studies

#### Accreditation

Tendering EL suppliers are required to hold British Council accreditation (Accreditation UK) for running EL courses in UK, and provide details of their most recent inspection report.

All bidding suppliers' instructors must hold the following accreditations:

- ADVANCED - Cambridge DELTA or Trinity Diploma (These are called TEFL-Q qualifications)

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

Value excluding VAT: £4,878,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The Home Office would like to invite suppliers to express an interest in a tender to award an immersive English language training framework.

Please note, this request for expressions of interest notice may not result in a future procurement. Should a future tender be conducted, it will not be a prerequisite to suppliers' participation in the tender process.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The contract will be in place for 3 years, giving the total expected maximum overall contract value as £4,878,000.00 over the course of the contract.

This will result in an expected maximum overall contract value of £1,626,00.00 per year.

It should be noted however that some requirements may change so there will be no minimum commitments in this contract.

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

8 July 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 closing date for expressions of interest is 23.59 Saturday 18th June 2022.

The Authority is planning to do some engagement around mid-June, so please register your interest ASAP to ensure you have the chance to be part of this. Please note all respondents will be required to enter into an NDA

Responding schools should be top ranking British Council accredited schools.

When responding to this notice please could you include the following information:

Evidence of current British Council Accreditation

Evidence of instructor qualifications up

1. Specify whether your organisation can provide all requirements for Option 1
2. Please provide the details of the training available and capacities which meet the requirements of the Home Office as set out above. If an alternative training is available which may be suitable to meet our operational needs, please include the details of this within your expression of interest.
3. Please specify if your organisation is already a preferred supplier with another government department (including if it is on a government framework).

Please email your interest to: [HOSProcurement@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:HOSProcurement@homeoffice.gov.uk) quoting 'Immersive English Language Training C21730' in the subject header