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National Centre of Computing Education

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

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London

SW1P 3BT

Contact

Please use Jaggaer

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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>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

<http://education.app.jaggaer.com>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://education.app.jaggaer.com/>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

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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

National Centre of Computing Education

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department for Education (DfE) is inviting bids for a lead supplier to deliver the programme the National Centre of Computing Education 2 (“NCCE 2”).

The NCCE 2 programme aims to improve the quality of computing teaching for primary and secondary state-maintained schools and colleges in England. This will be delivered through a network of computing hubs providing continuous professional development (CPD) for teachers, events for teachers and pupils, delivery of digital products including GCSE and A level online platforms and teacher resources, school engagement, stakeholder and sector expertise and a programme management office to ensure that the NCCE 2 provides a clear and joined up computing education offer for schools, teachers and pupils.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £22,540,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80100000 - Primary education services
- 80200000 - Secondary education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The programme delivery comprises a package of interrelated functions. The overall programme will be delivered via a contract and the contract will include the administration and management of grants to support the hub network and a grant claims service. The funding values associated with the grant elements are not included in the overall contract value, as the grant elements will require funding drawn down from DfE. This is further explained in the Invitation to Tender documentation.

The overall programme delivery is through a contract, which will include:

1. Mobilisation and set up of NCCE 2
2. Programme management and co-ordination to ensure a seamless experience for teachers, schools and pupils
3. Grant administration of an existing network of computing hub schools and colleges and their satellites
4. Delivery and support of CPD to teachers in state-maintained schools and events for teachers and pupils
5. Delivery of digital products and resources, including online platforms for GCSE and A level Computer Science and teacher resources
6. Stakeholder expertise and engagement to enhance the experience of computing education in schools in England

7. Providing subject matter expertise and industry outreach (representing the NCCE 2 programme and feedback to the DfE)

8. Social value

The DfE undertook market engagement activity in September and October 2021 for interested organisations to learn more about its delivery objectives and to provide insight into the new programme. The DfE will be seeking bid proposals from individual organisations or consortia to deliver this programme.

The contract start date will be 4th November 2022 to allow for the set up and mobilisation period, and the handover of the existing programme from the NCCE 1 supplier including transfer of assets and knowledge. This will require working collaboratively with the incumbent supplier whose contract will end on 31st March 2023. The set up and mobilisation period for NCCE 2 will end on 31st March 2023.

The contract commencement date for the NCCE 2 will be 1st April 2023. This is when 'business as usual' delivery for the NCCE 2 programme will commence. The DfE has allowed up to £1 million for the set up and mobilisation period, and the criteria for this is detailed in the Invitation to Tender documentation.

The initial contract period is for the 1st April 2023 to 31st August 2025 with a value of £21.54 million (this excludes the set up costs). This includes a five month period of delivery between April to August 2025 which is subject to further internal approvals. Subject to performance and approvals through departmental governance, the DfE may extend the contract by up to one year to 31st August 2026, with an additional value of up to, and not exceeding, £14.3 million.

The total estimated value is made up of:

- Set up and mobilisation costs capped at £1 million for the period 4th November 2022 to 31st March 2023
- The approved contract value for the initial term at £21.54 million for the period 1st April 2023 to 31st August 2025. (The period covering April 2025 to August 2025 will be subject to further internal approvals)

Continued in additional information section...

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £22,540,000

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

Start date

1 April 2023

End date

31 August 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The intention is for the contract to be re-procured following the end of this contract

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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

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

Suitability as stated in the procurement documents

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

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

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: [2021/S 000-022467](#)

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

Date

30 May 2022

Local time

11:59pm

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: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

3 July 2022

Local time

11:59pm

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Please see tender documentation

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Spring 2025

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Please see tender documents

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

High Court

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Country

United Kingdom