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Contract

## **the National Fast Track Child and Family Social Work Training Programme**

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-015438

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0301dd

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

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

Department for Education

Sanctuary Buildings, 20, Great Smith Street

London

SW1P 3BT

#### **Contact**

Fast Track

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[fast.track@education.gov.uk](mailto:fast.track@education.gov.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 12345678

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**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**

the National Fast Track Child and Family Social Work Training Programme

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

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

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

Services

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

Following a procurement under the light touch procedure, using a form of Competitive Procedure with Negotiation, and conducted in accordance with the process described within the Tender documents linked to the Contract Notice (2022/S 000-014783) which was launched on 22 August 2022, the Authority has procured a Contractor to design and deliver a high quality, specialised, fast track child and family social work education programme with the objective of enhancing the knowledge and skills most needed in front line child protection social work, and providing a pipeline of high-quality social workers across English Local Authorities ("LA").

The successful Contractor will be responsible for the recruitment, training and support of Participants to enable them to become effective and specialised child and family social workers. This is in furtherance of the Government's aim to ensure that there is a highly capable social worker for every child and family in England who needs one.

The Programme will commence on or around 1 September 2023 and last for an initial period of up to 3 cohorts, lasting a maximum of 4 years each, with the first cohort of Participants qualifying by September 2025 and each cohort running concurrently. The option to extend by up to 2 additional cohorts will be solely at the Authority's discretion and will be subject to satisfactory Contractor performance, Ministerial approval, and the availability of funding.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £57,418,736

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 75100000 - Administration services
- 79340000 - Advertising and marketing services
- 79600000 - Recruitment services
- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 85300000 - Social work and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

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

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Price per Quality Point (PQP) / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: Price per Quality Point used

#### **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**

The technical questions pricing submissions were evaluated against the criteria stated in the Invitation to Submit Final Tender. The pricing proposals had to be within a Total Contract Value with specified Service Price Caps.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Competitive procedure with negotiation

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-014783](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Title**

The National Fast Track Child and Family Social Work Training Programme

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

23 May 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

The Frontline Organisation

Coram Campus, 41 Brunswick Square,

London

WC1N 1AZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £57,418,736

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Proportion: 5 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

- Academic Assessment Quality Assurance and Award
- Student registration
- Learning Resources
- Student Support Services

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The Services that subject to the procurement are captured by the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended) Chapter 3, Section 7 (Social and Other Specific Services) the so called “Light Touch Regime”.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strands

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Department of Education incorporated a voluntary standstill period at the point the decision regarding the award of the contract was communicated to Tenderers. The standstill period was calculated in accordance with Regulation 87 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended).

Part 3 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (as amended) provides for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the regulations to take legal action. Any such action must be started in the High Court within the applicable limitation period set out in Part 3.