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Contract

the National Fast Track Child and Family Social Work Training Programme

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

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London

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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

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.

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

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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

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.