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T Levels Qualification - Market Engagement Presentation - Generation 2, Wave 1

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

T Levels Qualification - Market Engagement Presentation - Generation 2, Wave 1

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this PIN is to advise of the Market Engagement Presentation and it is not being used as a call for competition. This PIN is intended to:

1. Inform the market of the upcoming procurement process for the Generation 2, Wave 1 T Levels, being commissioned by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) (and therefore enable the market / potential suppliers to begin to plan for this); this PIN is an update to the information previously circulated in October 2022

and

2. Advise as to the online market engagement update which will be available through the Procontract eprocurement portal, which is formed of a virtual presentation by IfATE and other documents about the forthcoming Generation 2, Wave 1 T Level procurement.

There will also be one to one sessions offered where suppliers can meet with the procurement team.

Subject to demand, IfATE may also offer a workshop on how to bid for public contracts and/or a workshop specifically focussed on consortia bidding.

Further details about the market engagement presentation, how to book one to one slots and attend the workshops can be found in the Information Memorandum accessible at <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Education and Early Years

Lot No

1

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

IfATE will be the contracting authority, subject to commencement of the relevant provisions of the Technical and Further Education Act 2017.

References to IfATE should be read with this in mind.

T Levels are a programme of Technical Education that have introduced a high quality technical option alongside an academic option for students aged 16 to 19.

The initial Wave 1 and Wave 2 contracts that saw T Levels launched in 2020 and 2021 are now reaching their end and IfATE are now reprocuring for the next generation contracts.

The purpose of the proposed procurement will be to select and appoint an Awarding Organisation (AO) to be responsible for developing and delivering the Generation 2, Wave 1 T Level qualification, under an exclusive licensing approach.

The expected scope of the role of the AO is that it would be responsible for:

- reviewing and updating existing content of the qualification, both initially and during the life of the contract;
- creating an assessment strategy that aligns with existing practice;

- upskilling providers (further education schools and colleges);
- provision of learning and teaching materials;
- delivering qualification assessment services.

The pathway in scope for Lot 1 of the Generation 2, Wave 1 Procurement is Education and Early Years.

The existing Technical Qualification Specification can be found at:

<https://www.ncfe.org.uk/qualification-search/qualification-detail/t-level-technical-qualification-in-education-and-childcare-level-3-delivered-by--377>

Further information on the proposed procurement is provided in the Information Memorandum accessible at <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>.

It is envisaged that any resulting contract would be a public services concession contract and that accordingly the procurement will be governed by the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, to the extent that the same apply to those services to which such contract would relate.

II.2.14) Additional information

It is a mandatory requirement that the potential supplier who is selected to provide the services under this procurement must be recognised by Ofqual to deliver the relevant Technical Qualification at the point of contract award. The applicable Ofqual criteria for recognition can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criteria-for-recognition>.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction

Lot No

2

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

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- upskilling providers (further education schools and colleges);
- provision of learning and teaching materials;
- delivering qualification assessment services.

The pathway in scope for Lot 2 of the Generation 2, Wave 1 Procurement is Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction.

The existing Technical Qualification Specification can be found at:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/t-levels/design-surveying-and-planning.html>

Further information on the proposed procurement is provided in the Information Memorandum accessible at <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>. It is envisaged

that any resulting contract would be a public services concession contract and that accordingly the procurement will be governed by the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, to the extent that the same apply to those services to which such contract would relate.

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It is a mandatory requirement that the potential supplier who is selected to provide the services under this procurement must be recognised by Ofqual to deliver the relevant Technical Qualification at the point of contract award. The applicable Ofqual criteria for recognition can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criteria-for-recognition>.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Building Services Engineering for Construction

Lot No

3

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

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- reviewing and updating existing content of the qualification, both initially and during the life of the contract;
- creating an assessment strategy that aligns with existing practice;
- upskilling providers (further education schools and colleges);
- provision of learning and teaching materials;
- delivering qualification assessment services.

The pathway in scope for Lot 3 of the Generation 2, Wave 1 Procurement is Building Services Engineering for Construction.

The existing Technical Qualification Specification can be found at:

<https://www.cityandguilds.com/tlevels/construction-bse>

Further information on the proposed procurement is provided in the Information Memorandum accessible at <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>. It is envisaged that any resulting contract would be a public services concession contract and that accordingly the procurement will be governed by the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, to the extent that the same apply to those services to which such contract would relate.

II.2.14) Additional information

It is a mandatory requirement that the potential supplier who is selected to provide the services under this procurement must be recognised by Ofqual to deliver the relevant Technical Qualification at the point of contract award. The applicable Ofqual criteria for recognition can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criteria-for-recognition>.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Onsite Construction

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The expected scope of the role of the AO is that it would be responsible for:

- reviewing and updating existing content of the qualification, both initially and during the life of the contract;
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- upskilling providers (further education schools and colleges);
- provision of learning and teaching materials;
- delivering qualification assessment services.

The pathway in scope for Lot 4 of the Generation 2, Wave 1 Procurement is Onsite Construction.

The existing Technical Qualification Specification can be found at: at <https://www.cityandguilds.com/tlevels/construction-bse>

Further information on the proposed procurement is provided in the Information Memorandum accessible at <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>. It is envisaged that any resulting contract would be a public services concession contract and that accordingly the procurement will be governed by the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, to the extent that the same apply to those services to which such contract would relate.

II.2.14) Additional information

It is a mandatory requirement that the potential supplier who is selected to provide the services under this procurement must be recognised by Ofqual to deliver the relevant Technical Qualification at the point of contract award. The applicable Ofqual criteria for recognition can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criteria-for-recognition>.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Digital Business Services

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The expected scope of the role of the AO is that it would be responsible for:

- reviewing and updating existing content of the qualification, both initially and during the life of the contract;
- creating an assessment strategy that aligns with existing practice;
- upskilling providers (further education schools and colleges);
- provision of learning and teaching materials;
- delivering qualification assessment services.

The pathway in scope for Lot 5 of the Generation 2, Wave 1 is Digital Business Services

Finalised outline content for the pathways will be available on the IfATE website at <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/t-levels/final-outline-content/> in due course.

The existing Technical Qualification Specification can be found <https://www.ncfe.org.uk/qualification-search/qualification-detail/t-level-technical-qualification-in-digital-business-services-level-3-delivered-b-1270>

It is envisaged that any resulting contract would be a public services concession contract and that accordingly the procurement will be governed by the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, to the extent that the same apply to those services to which such contract would relate.

II.2.14) Additional information

It is a mandatory requirement that the potential supplier who is selected to provide the services under this procurement must be recognised by Ofqual to deliver the relevant

Technical Qualification at the point of contract award. The applicable Ofqual criteria for recognition can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criteria-for-recognition>.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Digital Support Services

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The expected scope of the role of the AO is that it would be responsible for:

- reviewing and updating existing content of the qualification, both initially and during the life of the contract;

- creating an assessment strategy that aligns with existing practice;
- upskilling providers (further education schools and colleges);
- provision of learning and teaching materials;
- delivering qualification assessment services.

The pathway in scope for Lot 6 of the Generation 2, Wave 1 Procurement is Digital Support Services.

The existing Technical Qualification Specification can be found at:
<https://www.ncfe.org.uk/qualification-search/qualification-detail/t-level-technical-qualification-in-digital-support-services-level-3-delivered-by-1711#:~:text=Events-,T Level Technical Qualification in Digital Support Services,3>) (delivered by NCFE)

Further information on the proposed procurement is provided in the Information Memorandum accessible at <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>.

It is envisaged that any resulting contract would be a public services concession contract and that accordingly the procurement will be governed by the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, to the extent that the same apply to those services to which such contract would relate.

II.2.14) Additional information

It is a mandatory requirement that the potential supplier who is selected to provide the services under this procurement must be recognised by Ofqual to deliver the relevant Technical Qualification at the point of contract award. The applicable Ofqual criteria for recognition can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criteria-for-recognition>.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Digital Production, Development and Design

Lot No

7

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

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- upskilling providers (further education schools and colleges);
- provision of learning and teaching materials;
- delivering qualification assessment services.

The pathways in scope for Lot 7 of the Generation 2, Wave 1 Procurement is Digital Production, Development and Design.

The existing Technical Qualification Specification can be found at:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/t-levels/digital-production-design-and-development.html>

Further information on the proposed procurement is provided in the Information Memorandum accessible at <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>. It is envisaged that any resulting contract would be a public services concession contract and that accordingly the procurement will be governed by the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, to the extent that the same apply to those services to which such contract would relate.

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

4 September 2023

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: No