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Award

Understanding T Level' courses, networks, T Level Resource Improvement Projects (TRIPS)

Education Training Foundation

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Understanding T Level' courses, networks, T Level Resource Improvement Projects (TRIPS)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The first service is running 'Understanding T Level' courses. There are two separate courses both of which are targeting providers who will be delivering T Levels.

The second service is running networks, these are collaborative events bringing together different stakeholders who can learn from each other.

The third service is delivering T Level Resource Improvement Projects (TRIPS). This involves being responsible for the entire project lifecycle from reviewing applications provided by providers to Q&A the resources the providers create.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Lowest offer: £350,000 / Highest offer: £400,000 taken into consideration

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

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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 IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- Additional deliveries by the original supplier

Explanation:

- In 2020 Association of Colleges (current supplier) was a named partner in the initial T-level bid with an initial award of 766,099.87 GBP to deliver Understanding T Level' courses, running networks, delivering T Level Resource Improvement Projects (TRIPS). The Association of Colleges has a long-established reputation in the FE sector alongside a proven track record of working with the ETF to successfully deliver CPD to providers and individuals.

- In 2022 Association of Colleges were awarded a new contract with value 333,942.69

GBP of for this work as the work expanded.

- Due to increased demand a further award of 358,705.74 GBP is intended to be awarded to Association of Colleges for the June 2023 to June 2024 for the same services. Implementing a new open tender involves a lot of risk, namely

- o The disproportionate cost and disruption of moving to a new supplier

- o This is the final year of a four-year project, changing suppliers three quarters of the way into the project lifecycle will generate a lot of risks and increases the likelihood for disruption of our offer and the risk of not meeting our contractual KPIs which would incur a financial penalty.

- o TRIPS which they are responsible for delivering has been a challenging service to implement. One of the few benefits of this, is that the current supplier knows what and what doesn't work. It's also worth noting that the current supplier has national reach with in-depth relationships with providers in the sector which is essential for the successful delivery of TRIPs and which very few competitors could match.

The substance of the contract is:

- Name the key services- Understanding T Level' courses, running networks, delivering T Level Resource Improvement Projects (TRIPS)

- This is a contract under the light touch regime

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

26 May 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Association of Colleges

2-5 Stedham Place

London

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £350,000 / Highest offer: £400,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=229514.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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