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Attendance Mentors Pilot Project

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

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

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

Attendance Mentors Pilot Project

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department for Education (“Department”) is seeking to approve a provider to deliver targeted, responsive, one-to-one support for persistently and severely absent pupils across a number of Education Investment Areas (EIA). The support will start in Middlesborough, a priority EIA, in the first pilot year before rolling out to an additional four EIAs from the start of year two and continuing in all five areas in year three.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,320,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Department is aiming to pilot an intervention based on the two approaches which EEF judged to have the most evidence of promise, which they called ‘interventions that target the individual causes of low attendance’ and ‘targeted parental approaches’.

Through the initial pilot year, the successful delivery partner, along with an external evaluator, will be required to combine these approaches into a ‘mentoring’ model. Mentors will work closely with individual pupils and their families supporting them and working to address any individual barriers to attendance they might face in conjunction with their school, local authority, and other relevant services.

The frequency and duration of the support provided will differ between each pupil depending on their specific circumstances. The successful delivery partner will need to test and refine the approach during this period before expanding to the full trial in years two and three with a more defined intervention and evaluation. After the first year, we will look to build evidence about the efficacy of the approach in different circumstances.

By the end of the three-year programme, we would expect to have achieved the following outcomes:

- Have improved overall attendance levels and engagement with education for all pupils who are participating.
- Developed our understanding of effective practice and different delivery models when delivering 1-1 support to pupils who are persistent or severely absent.
- Improved the evidence base about how best to support individual pupils to regularly attend school through a rigorous evaluation of this intervention, that helps us understand the value for money, and helps schools, trusts and LAs make evidence informed decisions.
- Tested this intervention on a cohort of pupils with severe and persistent absence to understand what works for the children with the greatest level of need.

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: £2,320,000

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

Start date

1 October 2022

End date

30 September 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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.1.2) 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

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

Date

14 July 2022

Local time

5:00pm

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

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

14 July 2022

Local time

5:01pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strands

London

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Country

United Kingdom