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Contract

Evaluation of Jobs Growth Wales+

Welsh Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Evaluation of Jobs Growth Wales+

Reference number

C369/2021/2022

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Welsh Government's new Programme for Government outlines commitments made that directly contribute to ten wellbeing objectives. One of these wellbeing objectives is to build an economy based on the principles of fair work, sustainability and the industries and services of the future.

Currently Welsh Government are delivering a number of employability programmes which are due to end in March 2022. Two of these programmes, Traineeships and Jobs Growth Wales II, are aimed at young people. These programmes have been evaluated previously, and recommendations from those evaluations have helped to inform the development of the new youth employability programme: Jobs Growth Wales+.

Jobs Growth Wales+ (JGW+) will provide every young person with an offer of employment, training, voluntary work or self-employment and will be launched April 2022. The programme takes the best elements of Traineeships and Jobs Growth Wales and will provide a holistic, tailored package of support for young people who are, or who are at risk of becoming, NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training).

The Welsh Government wishes to commission a formative evaluation of JGW+. The aim of the evaluation is to provide Welsh Government with timely, robust information on the process and take up of the JGW+ programme in years 1 and 2, which will enable Welsh Government to make decisions regarding the programme, as well as a framework for the impact evaluation, to be commissioned under a later contract.

The focus of this evaluation will be on the delivery, performance and outcomes of the programme, with a review of data to establish a framework for impact evaluation. The findings and lessons learned from this evaluation will be used to inform future policy development.

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: £310,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services
- 73110000 - Research services
- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

Pan Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Welsh Government wishes to procure a formative evaluation of Jobs Growth Wales+ (JGW+), the Welsh Government's new youth employability programme, which will be launched in April 2022.

The aim of the contract is to provide Welsh Government with timely, robust information on the process and take up of the JGW+ programme in years 1 and 2, which will enable Welsh Government to make decisions regarding the programme, as well as a framework for the impact evaluation, to be commissioned under a later contract.

The focus of this evaluation will be on the delivery, performance and outcomes of the

programme, with a review of data to establish a framework for impact evaluation. The findings and lessons learned from this evaluation will be used to inform future policy development.

The objectives of the evaluation are listed below. The list is not exhaustive and it is envisaged that further research questions may be identified in the scoping phase of the evaluation work.

To review the design, management, and implementation of the programme, highlighting areas of good practice and areas for further development and to assess its suitability in supporting the achievement of the programme aims and objectives. This will include understanding any regional differences in delivery, success factors, and unexpected consequences, and the contribution of the programme to the Welsh language objectives of the Welsh Government.

To identify key strengths of the programme and any constraints/issues that may have impeded its effectiveness, provide recommendations and lessons learnt.

To review whether and how well the programme supports the delivery of key Welsh Government priorities, including the Employability Plan, the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act, the Youth Engagement Progression Framework (YEPF), the Young Person's Guarantee, and Cymraeg 2050, the Welsh language strategy.

To assess the performance of JGW+ against its stated aims and objectives for the period under review (2022 – 2024), including a review of the obstacles that participants and providers have faced, whether and how these have been overcome. Additionally, including a review of engagement and participation to understand who are and who are not engaging with the programme.

To assess the take up of the programme, including by protected characteristics, to be reported yearly.

To build on the theory of change developed during the policy formation phase.

To establish a framework for the impact evaluation of the programme, which will be commissioned under a later contract.

To set up a research advice group, which will include young people whom the programme targets.

To report on final WEFO claims data.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

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 estimated value of the contract is between GBP 170,000 to 180,000 (excluding VAT)
- GBP 204,000 to 216,000 (including VAT) for the purposes of the notice.

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

C369/2021/2022

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

7 June 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

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

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £180,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £169,400

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

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