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Award

Early Years Delivery Partners & Early Years Training Partners Contracts

Department for Education

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Scope

Reference

project_10049

Description

Three separate procurements are described below which will be procured as Lots within an overarching procurement exercise:-

- Stronger Practice Advisors - Training Partner
- Stronger Practice Hubs - Delivery Partner
- Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) - Delivery Partner

A Procurement specific event will be held to explain the tender process prior to the official launch of the tender opportunities

Further details are listed within the Engagement section of this notice

Lot Lot 3. Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs - Delivery Partner

Description

We are seeking to procure a delivery partner for Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs (SPH) within England, for the period 01/04/2026 - 31/03/2028 with an option to extend for a further 12-months

Contract 1. Lot 3 - Early Years Delivery Partner - Stronger Practice Hubs

Lots

Lot Lot 3. Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs - Delivery Partner

Supplier

- Ambition Institute

Contract value

- £1,135,191.67 excluding VAT
- £1,362,230 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

23 February 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

23 February 2026

Standstill period

- End: 4 March 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

9 March 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2029
- 3 years

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend for up to 12 months

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Option to extend for up to 12 months

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Information about tenders

Lot Lot 3. Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs - Delivery Partner

- 4 tenders received
- 4 tenders assessed in the final stage:

- 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- 2 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 3 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

Ambition Institute

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London

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United Kingdom

Email: business.development@ambition.org.uk

Website: <https://www.ambition.org.uk>

Region: UKI43 - Haringey and Islington

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Lot 3 - Early Years Delivery Partner - Stronger Practice Hubs

Contracting authority

Department for Education

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDZG-3487-DPVD

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London

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United Kingdom

Contact name: Early Years Delivery Partner - Stronger Practice Hubs

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

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government