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Contract

## **Notification of competition**

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-016015

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0397fa

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Department for Education

Sanctuary Buildings, 20, Great Smith Street

London

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#### **Email**

[David.McGowan@education.gov.uk](mailto:David.McGowan@education.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal Agency/Office

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Education

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### **Section II: Object**

#### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

##### **II.1.1) Title**

Notification of competition

##### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 800000000 - Education and training services

##### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

##### **II.1.4) Short description**

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An important part of Multiply is to strengthen the evidence base around what works in the successful delivery of adult numeracy programmes and to share this with practitioners, in order to inform local delivery and to increase positive outcomes.

This will include a programme of up to 30 randomised controlled trials (RCTs) and other experimental activity, including quasi-experimental trials to robustly test promising approaches to improving adult numeracy. The trials will be split across two tranches:

- Tranche 1 (to which this Invitation to Tender applies) will be procured in Spring 2023, with fieldwork starting from August 2023 onwards and interim results from some trials delivered in late spring 2024. We expect around 15-20 trials to be undertaken in this tranche of activity, with fieldwork, analysis and reporting running until at least the end of March 2025.

#### **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: £49,740

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

## **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

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# **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: No

## **IV.2) Administrative information**

### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-001331](#)

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# **Section V. Award of contract**

## **Contract No**

project\_7782

## **Title**

the development of products for Multiply RCTs (Lot 1 Learning Support Skills Expertise)  
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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

12 May 2023

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

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

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

National Numeracy

Unit 71 Sussex Innovation Centre

Brighton

BN1 9SB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £49,740

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Department for Education

Sheffield

Country

United Kingdom