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Tender

Evaluation of the Recruit, Recover & Raise Standards Programmes

Welsh Government

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

<http://gov.wales>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007

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://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

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 the Recruit, Recover & Raise Standards Programmes

Reference number

C012/2021/2022

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Welsh Government wishes to commission research to evaluate the first phase of the Recruit, Recover and Raise Standards Programme (from summer 2020 to date). This will include recommendations to inform decisions about the ongoing response of the Welsh Government to supporting primary & secondary schools and early years childcare settings to recover from the disruptive impacts that COVID-19 is having on learning.

Welsh Government has allocated funding to schools and early years childcare settings to provide additional support to children and young people whose education and development have been most disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. We are seeking an independent research organisation to evaluate the effectiveness and early impacts of this funding. The overarching aim of the research is to provide evidence to inform decisions about the ongoing response of the Welsh Government to supporting schools and early years childcare settings to recover from the disruptive impacts that COVID-19 is having on learning. This will include a programme-level focus on the Recruit, Recover and Raise Standards (RRR) Programme, which provided funding to maintained schools and early years childcare settings only. There will be another, separate focus on early-years, to include the early years childcare settings element of the RRR funding and additional grant that was made available to both maintained and non-maintained sectors. It is expected that findings from each focus will be combined to provide overarching lessons and recommendations for the future.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £155,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 79315000 - Social research services
- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Welsh Government (hereafter referred to as the Client) wishes to commission research to evaluate the first phase of the Recruit, Recover and Raise Standards Programme (from summer 2020 to date). This will include recommendations to inform decisions about the ongoing response of the Welsh Government to supporting primary & secondary schools and early years childcare settings to recover from the disruptive impacts that COVID-19 is having on learning.

This contract is anticipated to commence in October 2021 and conclude in July 2022, however an additional 3 months extension has been factored in to account for COVID-19 or other contingencies. The Client therefore retains the right to extend the contract until August 2022, should the need arise. The successful bidder shall be notified of any extension period in writing one month prior to the expiration of the initial contract period.

A budget in the range of 135-155,000 GBP (excluding VAT) will be made available by the Client for the purposes of this contract. 35k GBP of this budget will be allocated to evaluating early education and childcare delivery (as explained in more detail below). This

budget is provided for indicative purposes only; the award will be made on the basis of the contract award criteria

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £155,000

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

Duration in months

9

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

16 August 2021

Local time

2:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English, Welsh

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

17 August 2021

Local time

10:00am

Place

Home worker using a Welsh Government laptop

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Gerrard O'Neill will open the day after the closing date.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

NOTE: The authority is using eTenderwales to carry out this procurement process. To obtain further information record your interest on Sell2Wales at

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search_switch.aspx?ID=112081

(WA Ref:112081)

The buyer considers that this contract is suitable for consortia.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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