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## **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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**NUTS code**

UKL - Wales

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://gov.wales>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007](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

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## **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

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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

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## **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

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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: 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.

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## **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](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**

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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