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## **Professional Development Programme - Phase 3**

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Professional Development Programme - Phase 3

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

The purpose of this Contracts Finder Opportunity Notice is to notify the market of the live Early Years Professional Development Programme 3 procurement opportunity relating to the Department for Education's Early Years Recovery Programme.

The Department for Education is seeking to engage a provider to deliver the third phase of the Early Years Professional Development Programme (PDP3). PDP3 will build on two earlier phases of the programme (PDP1 and PDP2).

The objective of PDP3, a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme, is to equip Early Years Practitioners (EYPs) with the skills they need to provide high quality support for early years children (age 2 – 4). This programme will have a particular emphasis on communication and language, maths, and Personal, social and emotional development (PSED). The overall aim is to ensure EYPs have the skills they need to support children to catch up when they are in settings and are able to refer them to the right services if required. The aim is at least 8,000 EYPs (with an optimum target of 10,000) trained by 31 March 2025.

The Department aims to cover all 152 Local Education Authorities nationally (England) under the PDP3 programme, with particular need to reaching Settings with high levels of disadvantaged children whose learning has been most affected by COVID-19.

History of PDP 1 and 2 for information only:

The first phase, 'PDP 1', was rolled out to 50 Local Authorities (LAs) in 2019. Training here focused on early language and mathematics and utilised a cascade model to train champions who then embedded their learning in settings. Training was initially delivered

face to face, but was pivoted to online provision following the COVID-19 pandemic.

PDP was extended to 51 additional LAs across England in the 2021 to 2022 academic year under 'PDP 2'. As well as early language and mathematics, PDP 2 included content on personal, social and emotional development (PSED) for 2 to 4-year-olds in direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that children's mental health and wellbeing is prioritised. The training also included a focus on staff wellbeing. PDP 2 was delivered online directly to practitioners, rather than using a cascade model. PDP 1 and 2 end in July 2022.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £19,500,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

DfE are running a competitive tendering exercise subject to OJEU principles and PCR 2015. This is a single stage open procurement exercise taking into account quality, price and social value.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £19,500,000

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

Duration in months

29

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

4 month extension period

#### **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 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

11 July 2022

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

English

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

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

11 July 2022

Local time

8:30am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

National Audit Office

London

Country

United Kingdom