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Planning

Provision of a new STEM based digital platform

Solihull College

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.gbsiot.ac.uk/

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of a new STEM based digital platform

II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 72212100 - Industry specific software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Solihull College and University Centre is part of the consortium of FE and HE institutions forming part of The Greater Birmingham & Solihull IoT (GBSIoT). For further information about GBS IoT please refer to Section VI

GBSIoT wishes to promote the sector's incredible career opportunities, particularly to the young and ethnically diverse population of Birmingham and Solihull. In particular GBSIoT wishes to target and reach under-represented and disadvantaged groups including females; people from low-income households; from neighbourhoods with low participation rates, unemployed and NEET young people.

To support this ambition, GBSIoT is now looking to engage with the market in the preparation of a procurement strategy for the provision of a digital platform, using digital technology to inspire and support young people in particular, but not exclusively, to access, vocational skills opportunities related to STEM-based careers in Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering, or Digital professions.

The platform needs to be live in time for a March 2023 delivery. It is currently envisaged that to allow time to tender work will not commence before October 2022

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £250,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 30211300 - Computer platforms

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

- 72211000 - Programming services of systems and user software

- 72212000 - Programming services of application software

- 72260000 - Software-related services

- 72310000 - Data-processing services

- 72400000 - Internet services

- 79340000 - Advertising and marketing services

- 79634000 - Career guidance services

- 80420000 - E-learning services

- 92111000 - Motion picture and video production services

- 92112000 - Services in connection with motion-picture and video-tape production

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG3 - West Midlands

Main site or place of performance

Greater Birmingham and Solihull Institute Of Technology (GBS IoT)

https://www.gbsiot.ac.uk/

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Development of a digital platform to support accessibility to vocational skills opportunities related to STEM-based careers in Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering, or Digital professions. Acting as a 'one stop shop' it is envisaged that the platform will incorporate a range of different interactive technological and digital experiences and content.

Critically young people will need to be involved in the development and the design of the digital, careers-based online platform which will engage, motivate, enable and facilitate

access to clear opportunities for progression from school to high-level occupations. Acting as a 'one stop shop' it is envisaged that the platform will incorporate a range of different interactive technological and digital experiences and content. The platform will link to, and complement, other existing careers platforms. Consequently, GBS IoT anticipate that this requirement may require input from a range of specialist providers including video and VR technologies.

All parties interested in feeding into this project should register interest via this PIN for early engagement.

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II.2.14) Additional information

The PIN has been issued to secure early engagement with suppliers to initiate discussions to ensure robustness of specifications and tender processes. All interested parties are invited to register details via email @ procurement@solihull.ac.uk immediately in order for further discussion to take place.

In registering, please provide your name, contact details with a brief outline of how you feel your organisation could support this delivery for GBS IoT consideration.

Tender process is expected to start in July 2022 with award currently planned for October 2022.

All organisations wishing to tender will be required to register on the In-Tend Education Portal to access documents https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/educationportal/aspx/Home

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

18 July 2022

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The government has established high-quality Institutes of Technology (IoTs) to provide employers with a skilled workforce and students with a clear route to technical employment. The Greater Birmingham & Solihull IoT (GBSIoT) specialises in Engineering and Manufacturing and is a consortium led by Solihull College & University Centre, Aston University and Birmingham City University, working alongside South and City College Birmingham as a core partner and supported by BMET College, University College Birmingham and the University of Birmingham. The partnership is jointly designing, developing and widening education and training opportunities across the engineering and manufacturing sector, aligned to the latest skills needs of employers; the local, regional and national economy; and Government priorities for technical education.

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