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Contract

Planning and Delivery Support for Providers of T Levels, including the T Level Transition Programme and Industry Placements

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

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London

SW1P 3BT

Email

commercialdelivery.skills@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/about?__ga=2.19385019.262030743.1671641087-993411759.1667988789

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Planning and Delivery Support for Providers of T Levels, including the T Level Transition Programme and Industry Placements

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80210000 - Technical and vocational secondary education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of the support package is to ensure that providers of T Levels and TLTP are able to deliver high quality programmes, including sourcing suitable T Level Industry Placements and TLTP work experience for each learner. The package includes 3 strands of support. A link to each lot is available here:

Lot 1: <https://education.app.jaggaer.com/go/52545908018535B4B7CE>

Lot 2: <https://education.app.jaggaer.com/go/52260753018535B51FD1>

Lot 3: <https://education.app.jaggaer.com/go/06053104018535B58016>

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £3,531,996

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

T Level Provider Support

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The overarching purpose of the T Level Provider Support Package is to support providers with creating and sustaining a high-quality T Level programme. More specifically to:

- provide support for two years prior to delivery to providers delivering their first T Levels in 2025 or 2026, including industry placement support;
- pick up from the current Supplier to cover the second year of planning support for 2024 providers, including industry placement support;
- provide industry placement support for 2023 providers, as this was not part of the previous planning support package;
- include some in-delivery support for all waves; and
- put in place longer-term support structures, including networks and online resources, that can be self-sustaining in the long-term.

Given the complexity of the new courses, the demands on teachers' time, and the challenges of curriculum sequencing, industry placements sourcing and delivery and specialist teacher recruitment, the need for an effective support package is paramount.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Extension Options +1 +1

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

T Level Industry Placements Employer Engagement

Lot No

2

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

We are seeking a potential supplier to provide support to T Level providers in developing and implementing effective employer engagement strategies to source and deliver the number of high-quality T Level Industry Placements and Transition Programme work experience opportunities needed. This is contained across 2 specific Work Strands:

- Work Strand 1: Industry Placements Employer Engagement
- Work Strand 2: Collaboration

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Extension Options +1 +1

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Support with planning and delivering T Level Transition Programme

Lot No

3

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

The aim of the T Level Transition Programme (TLTP) is to provide a high-quality route onto T Levels, for young people who would benefit from additional study time and preparation before starting a T Level. The overarching purpose of the TLTP Provider Support Package is to support providers with preparing and delivering high quality TLTPs that effectively support young people to prepare for and progress onto T Levels. More specifically to:

- provide preparation year and first delivery year support to providers planning to deliver the TLTP for the first time from 2024
- provide first delivery year support for 2023 TLTP providers, following on from preparation support received this year
- provide preparation year support for providers planning to deliver the TLTP for the first time from 2025

- provide some continuing delivery support for earlier rounds of TLTP providers (2020, 2021 and 2022 TLTP providers) in their second or later year of TLTP delivery
- build on existing lessons and evidence, and feed into any outstanding policy development for the TLTP; and report to the Department on how delivery is going
- put in place longer-term support structures, including networks and guidance resources

We are seeking a Potential Supplier to provide TLTP Provider Support by delivering services contained in 5 specific work strands.

- Work strand 1: Set up period and initial diagnosis of provider need
- Work strand 2: One-to-one support and challenge
- Work strand 3: Events and facilitated peer networking
- Work strand 4: Guidance resources
- Work strand 5: Monitoring and Reporting

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Extension options +1 +1

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 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2022/S 000-036279](#)

IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

con_19712

Lot No

1

Title

Lot 1: T Level Provider Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 May 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Association of Colleges

2-5 Stedham Place

London

WC1A 1HU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,583,235

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

con_19713

Lot No

2

Title

Lot 2: T Level Industry Placement Employer Engagement Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 May 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

SDN Enterprises Ltd

4 Roberts Orchard Road

Maidstone

ME16 9HP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £190,700

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

con_19714

Lot No

3

Title

Lot 3: T Level Transition Programme Provider Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 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

Association of Colleges

2-5 Stedham Place

London

WC1A 1HU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,758,061

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

The Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom