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## **Training and Support Programme: Playwork Qualifications**

Welsh Government

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03d515

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

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

Welsh Government

Gwasanaethau Caffael Corfforaethol / Corporate Procurement Services, Parc Cathays / Cathays Park

Caerdydd / Cardiff

#### **Email**

[gerrard.oneill@gov.wales](mailto:gerrard.oneill@gov.wales)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **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

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## **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**

Training and Support Programme: Playwork Qualifications

Reference number

C362/2022/2023

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

A Pathway from Early Years to Play pilot began under the PfS programme in 2019. This provided opportunities and funding for practitioners who required a playwork qualification to meet the requirements of the National Minimum Standards for regulated childcare by 2021. Although the deadline has now passed, we are aware that many settings are still seeking to undertake these qualifications for their staff and so a demand remains for these qualifications.

Therefore, the provision of playwork qualifications continues to have an important role to play in supporting practitioners to upskill and achieve qualifications that are crucial to ensuring a high quality sector.

Our discussions with childcare and playwork stakeholders, as well as training providers confirm there remains significant demand across the childcare and playwork sector for supporting access to qualifications which will help with recruitment and retention difficulties. Within Welsh Government, we have a clear focus on supporting people to enter, stay and progress in the childcare and playwork sector, as is outlined in the 10 Year Childcare, Play and Early Years Workforce Plan.

The aim of the tender is to award up to seven 18 month contracts that will build on the provision of playwork qualifications provided under the PfS programme. These contracts will be tendered via 4 lots:

Lot 1 – Delivery of L2PP and P3 (Level 2 and 3) (All Wales basis) - GBP 150,000 to

174,000 – One contract will be awarded.

Lot 2 – Regional delivery of Transition to Playwork (North Wales) - GBP 97,000 to 106,000 – Up to two contracts will be awarded.

Lot 3 – Regional delivery of Transition to Playwork (Mid and West Wales) - GBP 117,000 to 128,000 – Up to two contracts will be awarded.

Lot 4 - Regional delivery of Transition to Playwork (South Wales). GBP176,000 to 192,000 – Up to two contracts will be awarded.

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

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 – Regional delivery of Transition to Playwork (North Wales)

Lot No

2

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

- 80500000 - Training services
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80521000 - Training programme services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

## II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

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

Value excluding VAT: £106,000

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

Duration in months

18

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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3 – Regional delivery of Transition to Playwork (Mid and West Wales)

Lot No

3

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

- 80500000 - Training services
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80521000 - Training programme services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

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

Value excluding VAT: £128,000

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

Duration in months

18

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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 4 - Regional delivery of Transition to Playwork (South Wales)

Lot No

4

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 80521000 - Training programme services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

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

Value excluding VAT: £192,000

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

Duration in months

18

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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 - Delivery of L2PP and P3 (Level 2 and 3) (All Wales basis)

Lot No

1

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 80511000 - Staff training services
- 80521000 - Training programme services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

## II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

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

Value excluding VAT: £174,000

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

Duration in months

18

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

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 199-520693](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

14 July 2023

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

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

Date

17 July 2023

Local time

10:00am

Place

Homeworker's Address

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Procurement Manager using a secure Welsh Government laptop.

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: The qualifications have been tendered on 2 previous occasions and a decision on continuation will be made by the client at the end of the contract in 18 months time.

### **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=131911](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search_switch.aspx?ID=131911)

Under the terms of this contract the successful supplier(s) will be required to deliver Community Benefits in support of the authority's economic and social objectives. Accordingly, contract performance conditions may relate in particular to social and environmental considerations. The Community Benefits included in this contract are:

The Client has decided to take a non-core approach to Community Benefits, this means that the Community Benefits proposal that a Bidder returns as part of this tender process will not be evaluated and scored.

(WA Ref:131911)

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

WC2A 2LL

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+44 2079477501

Country

United Kingdom