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## **Social Mobility Partnership Programme 2023-2026**

OFCOM

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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**Region code**

UKI - London

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://ofcom.bravosolution.co.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://ofcom.bravosolution.co.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://ofcom.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://ofcom.bravosolution.co.uk>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

UK Communications Regulator

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Social Mobility Partnership Programme 2023-2026

Reference number

C20231587

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

- 79600000 - Recruitment services

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

Services

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

In the past year we have developed a social mobility outreach programme designed to find potential applicants for our apprenticeships. This programme creates an outcome at every stage for candidates we engage with. We begin with outreach in specifically targeted schools, that have high numbers of socially diverse students and build on this initial interest through further insights sessions. We then set candidates up for success by providing mentoring and skills bootcamps before they “opt in” to an assessment process. 2022 saw us successfully recruit 13 new apprentices through this process.

To support our Diversity & Inclusion Strategy and commitments, we are looking to build on this work with an annual cycle of activity and partner with a specialist organisation with expertise in social mobility to assist us in scaling our social outreach activities and developing our existing programme. We are looking for an organisation that can represent us across the UK, providing us with access to school leavers across the country, helping us to target specific geographical areas and educational establishments with low levels of social mobility (also known as social mobility ‘cold spots’). We also require support in onboarding new apprentices, helping to set them and their line managers up for success in their first 100 days and beyond.

Any contract(s) awarded following the conclusion of the tender process will be for an initial duration of 36 months. At Ofcom’s absolute discretion the contract may be extended for up to 24 months. The maximum length of the contract is therefore 60 months.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

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

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

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

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

At Ofcom's absolute discretion the contract may be extended for up to 24 months. The maximum length of the contract is therefore 60 months.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend the Contract at Ofcom's absolute discretion for up to 24 months.

#### **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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

13 July 2023

Local time

12:00pm

#### **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: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

13 July 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Place

<https://ofcom.bravosolution.co.uk>

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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**

High Court of Justice of England and Wales

The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom