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Tender

Flexible Working Programme

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/>

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/>

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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

Flexible Working Programme

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department for Education (DfE) is looking to appoint a provider or consortium of providers, to deliver a culture change programme focused on embedding flexible working in schools, and multi academy trusts (MATs).

Increasing opportunities for flexible working in schools is a key priority for the Department, as set out in the 2019 recruitment and retention strategy. A commitment to championing a culture of flexible working in schools was also reinforced in the 2022 'Opportunity for all' Schools White Paper.

The successful tenderer will:

- Design a strategy for culture change and promote the programme across the sector, ensuring a focus on:
 - Schools and MATs (both primary and secondary).
 - Schools/MATs with high proportions of pupils receiving pupil premium.
 - Specific specialisms such as Pupil Referral Units/Alternative Provision and Special Educational Needs and Disability.
- Deliver a programme of workshops and webinars targeted at key audience groups.
- Support the strategic and operational delivery of 12 Flexible Working Ambassador MATs/Schools, which will be appointed and funded separately by the Department.

Subject to the Terms and Conditions of Contract, the contract will run from Autumn 2022 until Spring 2025 with the potential to extend for a further 12 months subject to the necessary financial approvals and acceptable performance. Any extension would be at the absolute discretion of the Department.

The maximum budget allocated is £572,000, excluding VAT for the initial contract term.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £768,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

A single provider to design, develop and provide training for school leaders on implementing effective flexible working practices, including on how to develop whole-school, strategic approaches.

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

29

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

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

27 July 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

27 July 2022

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 apply to this procurement (the "Regulations"). The Authority is using the Open Procedure in accordance with Regulation 27 of the Regulations. Services of the nature of those covered by this procurement are designated as "Schedule 3" Services (the Social and Other Specific Services) under the Regulations and as such are not subject to the full requirements of the Regulations. The Authority is only bound by the application of the Regulations to the extent that they are applicable to Schedule 3 services. The procurement is covered by Regulations 74 to 76 (the Light Touch Regime).

Dependent on demand the Department will host a Microsoft Teams facilitated information session that potential providers will be invited to attend. Further information, including the service requirements, for the Flexible Working Programme can be found within the tender documents available at <https://education.app.jaggaer.com/>

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Court of Justices, The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The DfE will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar days standstill period at the point that information on the award of the contracts is communicated to suppliers. Unsuccessful suppliers shall be informed by the contracting authority as soon as possible after the decision has been made. If an appeal regarding the award of the contract has not been

successfully resolved, The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No 102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by the breach of the rules to take legal action. Any such action must be brought within the applicable limitation period. Where a contract has not been entered into, the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the DfE to amend any document and may award damages. If the contract has been entered into the Court may, depending on the circumstances, award damages, make a declaration of ineffectiveness, order the DfE to pay a fine, and/or order that the duration of the contract is shortened. The purpose of the standstill period referred to above is to allow the parties to apply to the Courts to set aside the award decision before the contract is entered into.