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Contract

SEND Targeted Support

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02d445

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

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

SEND Targeted Support

Reference number

con_13718

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Our vision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) is the same as for all children and young people – that they achieve well in their early years, at school and in college; they find employment; lead happy, fulfilled lives; and experience choice and control.

Despite the ambitious reforms introduced under the 2014 Children and Families act, key

challenges remain in delivering SEND services in line with the vision. These reforms have largely not translated into improved outcomes for children and young people and increased demand for SEND services is putting local authority SEND budgets under unsustainable pressure leading to a rise in budget deficits exacerbated by widespread variation in the quality and timeliness of service provision to children, young people and their families. Currently, 600,000 children and young people with SEND live in the 50% of local areas identified by Ofsted and CQC as having significant weaknesses in their SEND services; and the position on DSG deficits is worsening - in 2019-20, 91 LAs reported a deficit totalling around £675m (compared to around £250m at end of 2018-19). By 2024-25, we are forecasting LA cost pressures for high needs will have increased by 29%, compared to the allocated funding in 2021-22, to £10,450m. This situation has been compounded by COVID-19 which has severely impacted children and young people with SEND and their families.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £4,036,285

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Single contract awarded for the design and delivery of a programme of targeted performance improvement and national training for local areas with weaknesses in their multi-agency SEND system. Following the completion of a competitive bidding process via Open Procedure.

The primary objective of this contract is to accelerate improvement in the quality and consistency of local area SEND service delivery for children, young people and their families; and reduce the current variation in local area performance as evaluated by the Ofsted/CQC inspection framework.

The Supplier will be responsible for a programme of targeted performance improvement and national training for local areas with weaknesses in their multi-agency SEND system, as identified by Ofsted/CQC, as well as a What Works in SEND programme comprising research, development, and dissemination of resources and models of effective practice to build an evidence base for exemplary practice within the sector.

Commencing 1st April 2022, an initial 3 year contract worth up to a maximum of £4,036,285 with the option of up to a further 24 months in contract extensions.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80%

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 20%

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2021/S 000-019670](#)

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_13718

Title

Targeted

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 May 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

National Children's Bureau

23 Mentmore Terrace

London

E8 3PN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

952717

Internet address

<https://www.ncb.org.uk>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,036,285

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court Royal Courts of Justice

High Court Royal Courts of Justice, The Strands

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

High Court Royal Courts of Justice

High Court Royal Courts of Justice, The Strands

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United Kingdom