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Planning

National Reference Tests (NRT)

Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA29088

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

National Reference Tests (NRT)

Reference number

OF923

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80200000 - Secondary education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

To provide the National Reference Tests (NRT) in England on behalf of Ofqual.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £10,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Ofqual is open to the possibility of awarding the contract to a single supplier/consortium, or on the basis of multiple lots.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

National Reference Tests provider - lots

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80200000 - Secondary education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UKG

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

See description of lot 1 regarding consideration of awarding work as multiple lots.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

National Reference Tests provider

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73430000 - Test and evaluation
- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

Main site or place of performance

England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To provide Ofqual with the National Reference tests (NRT) as described in the document at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/844389/NRT_2019_General_Report_background_-_FINAL196527.pdf from the 2025 test year for a number of years which is to be decided and to explore uses of technology in assessment as set out in the Ofqual corporate plan 202225.

(See Section II.1.6 for information about the lot structure).

II.2.14) Additional information

Further information about the NRT can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-reference-test-information>

The estimated value of 10m GBP is based on delivering the NRT for 5 years from 2025.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

14 June 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Ofqual welcomes discussion with organisations interested in being invited to tender to provide the NRT or part(s) thereof. The expected start date of the contract is July 2023. This allows for managed transition between suppliers if applicable. It is expected that a supplier qualification exercise will take place in October and invitations to tender be issued in January 2023.

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