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Tender

Generation 2 Wave 3 T Levels

Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Scope

Description

T Levels are an academic option for students aged 16-19, following the recommendation by the Independent Panel on Technical Education - the Sainsbury report. The Sainsbury report

also recommended that a single body or consortium should deliver each qualification under an "exclusive license" that would be awarded for a fixed time period following open competition.

The procurement will be to select and appoint Awarding Organisations (AO) to be responsible for developing and delivering the Generation 2 Wave 3 T Level Qualification, under an exclusive licensing approach.

The expected scope of the role of the AOs is they would be responsible for; -designing the content of the qualification; -upskilling providers (further education schools and colleges); -providing of learning and teaching materials; -updating content; and -delivering qualification assessment services.

This notice is in respect of Generation 2 Wave 3 T Levels and will cover the following T Levels:

- Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing
- Engineering, Manufacturing, Process and Control
- Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing
- Management and Administration
- Finance
- Accounting

TO NOTE: Potential Suppliers who wish to submit a Tender for one of the three Engineering & Manufacturing TQs (Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing; Engineering, Manufacturing, Process and Control; and Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing) are required to also submit a Tender for the other two Engineering & Manufacturing TQs. All three Engineering & Manufacturing TQs will be awarded to a single supplier.

All contracts will be public service concession contracts, governed by the Procurement Act 2023, as defined at Section 8 of the Act, to the extent that the same apply to services which such contract (or contracts) would relate.

Further information about the procurement is provided on ProContract <https://procontract.due-north.com/Login>.

Total value (estimated)

- £29,240,000 excluding VAT
- £29,888,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 January 2026 to 31 July 2034
- Possible extension to 31 July 2037
- 11 years, 6 months, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Contract extension is a 1+1+1

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)

- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

The Authority intends to award all three Engineering & Manufacturing T Levels (Lot 1, Lot 2 and Lot 3) to a single supplier, for operational and pedagogical purposes.

Potential Suppliers who wish to submit a Tender for one of the three Engineering & Manufacturing TQs (Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing; Engineering, Manufacturing, Process and Control; and Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing) are required to also submit a Tender for the other two Engineering & Manufacturing TQs.

Once the Consolidated Scores for the three Engineering & Manufacturing T Levels have been calculated for each bidder, an average Technical and Price Score will be calculated (being the sum of the bidder's three scores divided by three) for each bidder.

Lot 1. Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing

Description

Lot 1 - Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing.

TO NOTE: Potential Suppliers who wish to submit a Tender for this lot are required to also submit a Tender for the other two Engineering & Manufacturing TQs (Lot 2: Engineering, Manufacturing, Process and Control and Lot 3: Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing).

All three Engineering & Manufacturing TQs will be awarded to a single supplier.

Lot value (estimated)

- £3,664,000 excluding VAT
- £3,772,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Engineering, Manufacturing, Process and Control

Description

Lot 2 - Engineering, Manufacturing, Process and Control

TO NOTE: Potential Suppliers who wish to submit a Tender for this lot are required to also submit a Tender for the other two Engineering & Manufacturing TQs (Lot 1: Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing and Lot 3: Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing). All three Engineering & Manufacturing TQs will be awarded to a single supplier.

Lot value (estimated)

- £4,852,000 excluding VAT
- £4,960,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing

Description

Lot 3 - Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing

TO NOTE: Potential Suppliers who wish to submit a Tender for this lot are required to also submit a Tender for the other two Engineering & Manufacturing TQs (Lot 1: Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing and Lot 2: Engineering, Manufacturing, Process and Control).

All three Engineering & Manufacturing TQs will be awarded to a single supplier.

Lot value (estimated)

- £6,876,000 excluding VAT
- £6,984,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 4. Management and Administration

Description

Lot 4 - Management and Administration

Lot value (estimated)

- £9,864,000 excluding VAT
- £9,972,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 5. Finance

Description

Lot 5 - Finance

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,282,000 excluding VAT
- £1,390,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Lot 6. Accounting

Description

Lot 6 - Accounting

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,702,000 excluding VAT

- £2,810,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing

Lot 2. Engineering, Manufacturing, Process and Control

Lot 3. Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing

Lot 4. Management and Administration

Lot 5. Finance

Lot 6. Accounting

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

11 August 2025, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Awarding Organisations will need to register on Find a Tender Service (FTS) to submit basic information on the Central Digital Platform (CDP) <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk>

Information entered on the CDP is applicable to all Government procurements but is only a small subset of the PSQ information required for this procurement.

In order to submit your bid for Generation 2 Wave 3 T Levels, Awarding Organisations MUST register on ProContract <https://procontract.due-north.com/>. You will need to complete the remainder of the PSQ specific to the Generation 2 Wave 3 T Levels procurement. This is where all the invitation to tender (ITT) documents will be held.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

26 January 2026

Award criteria

| Name | Description | Type |
|-----------|--|------|
| Financial | Full details of the Financial Price Evaluation criteria and scoring are included in the Invitation to Tender document. | |
| Technical | Full details of the Technical Quality Evaluation criteria and scoring are included in the Invitation to Tender document. | |

Weighting description

The Tender evaluation will calculate the Most Advantageous Tender (MAT) to The Authority. Full details are included in the Invitation to Tender document.

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

- Concession
- Light touch

Competitive flexible procedure description

Multi stage (two) Competitive Flexible procedure outlined in the ITT document.

Reduced tendering period

Yes

Light touch contract - no minimum

Contracting authority

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