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Planning

National child safeguarding facilitator role (Local Government focus)

Department for Education

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

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Country

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

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

National child safeguarding facilitator role (Local Government focus)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Strong and effective multi-agency safeguarding arrangements sit at the heart of cross-government efforts to ensure the best outcomes for all children and families.

The Department for Education is seeking to engage with the market for an upcoming procurement “National child safeguarding facilitator role (local government focus)”. The Department is looking for an individual who understands and has experience of the workings of local government and in particular multi-agency safeguarding for children at a senior level, to work in partnership with national facilitators for police and health in supporting and challenging local safeguarding children’s partnerships.

The individual will be required to support the local government response to the safeguarding partners reform work and the development of existing national policy to improve safeguarding outcomes for children and young people.

This will include, but is not limited to:

- Identifying and assessing emerging issues and threats within local multi-agency safeguarding partnerships and developing plans to address these in partnership with other national facilitators.
- Liaising with all local safeguarding partnerships in England and engage relevant safeguarding leads in local government to promote effective arrangements, to map and share best practice.
- Providing appropriate peer review and challenge to support development of robust local arrangements.

Relevant safeguarding experience within a multi-disciplinary team along with knowledge and understanding of children's social care practice including guidance, appropriate legislation and issues relevant to children particularly the Children and Social Work Act 2017 is essential.

We anticipate this will be an 18-month service contract with an option to extend for 1 year at an approximate cost of £200,000.

The tender is likely to be issued in September.

If you are interested in speaking to us about this opportunity please contact us at safeguarding.reform@education.gov.uk. The closing date for this prior engagement is 12th August 2021.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 85300000 - Social work and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

26 August 2021

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