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Planning

Modified Tests Framework 2023-2026

Department for Education

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Modified Tests Framework 2023-2026

Reference number

STA 0299

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Standards and Testing Agency (STA), an Executive Agency of the Department for Education (DfE) is looking to re-establish a Modified Tests Framework for the development and delivery of modified versions of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Tests for children with visual and hearing impairments. The new framework will be for four years from 1 February 2023 to 31 January 2027.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,720,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Successful suppliers will be required to provide modified versions of standard tests in various formats. At present, modified versions are required for all national curriculum tests including the following: the Phonics Screening Check (braille version only); Key Stage 1 tests in English Reading, Mathematics and English Grammar Punctuation and Spelling; Key Stage 2 tests in English Reading, Mathematics and English Grammar Punctuation and Spelling; and Key Stage 2 Science sampling tests. However, this is subject to change depending on government policy. The tests required for modification will be specified in each call-off.

II.2.14) Additional information

Suppliers will also be expected to provide:

- amendments to the standard marking guidance to enable consistent marking of the modified versions of the tests;
- a specialist helpline service for schools and other users of modified tests;
- logging modified tests order information on STA's test order website and providing order updates directly to STA's website to an agreed schedule; and
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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

20 July 2022

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

This notice is for information only and is not a call for competition. The Department reserves the right not to enter a formal procurement process and not award contracts

Accordingly, the authority will not be liable for any bid cost, expenditure, work, or effort incurred by a provider in acting based on this notice.

Providers can ask questions or ask further clarifications by contacting the Agency via the following email address - TendersTD.STA@education.gov.uk

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