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## **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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United Kingdom

**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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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](mailto:TendersTD.STA@education.gov.uk)

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