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Tender

Flexi-job Apprenticeship GRANT Fund

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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

Flexi-job Apprenticeship GRANT Fund

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Grant funding opportunity to support the start-up, development or diversification costs of new flexi-job apprenticeship agencies, or existing Apprenticeship Training Agencies (ATAs) who wish to become a flexi-job apprenticeship agency.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £7,000,000

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

- 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)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Flexi-Job Apprenticeship GRANT Fund

We are now inviting applications for grant funding to support the start-up, development or diversification costs of new flexi-job apprenticeship agencies, or existing Apprenticeship Training Agencies (ATAs) who wish to become a flexi-job apprenticeship agency.

Funding will:

- support the start-up, development or diversification of flexi-job apprenticeship agencies allowing employers of all sizes to benefit from high-quality apprenticeships that are relevant and responsive to their skills needs and economic priorities.
- allow organisations to overcome barriers to the use of apprenticeships in their sectors caused by non-traditional and project-based employment models.
- increase starts in sectors where non-traditional and project-based employment models have made it harder for employers to engage with apprenticeships.
- drive quality experiences for apprentices, with corresponding improved achievement rates, resulting in positive outcomes for apprentices in terms of onward destinations in employment and training.
- support the progression of apprentices into sustainable employment or self-employment (mirroring the norm for their sector or profession)

For more information on the flexi-job apprenticeship fund visit our new flexi-job apprenticeship offer page and read our flexi-job apprenticeship fund grant specification and guidance.

Link is:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flexi-job-apprenticeship-offer#grant-application-specification-and-guidance>

Timescales

The flexi-job apprenticeship fund will run for 15 months from January 2022 to March 2023 and all grant-funded activities must be completed by 31 March 2023.

Applications for the fund must be submitted by no later than 12pm on Wednesday 6th October 2021 via Jaggaer the DfE eTendering Portal - <https://education.app.jaggaer.com>

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

15

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

6 October 2021

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

6 October 2021

Local time

12:01pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court Royal Court of Justice

The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom