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## **Stimulating the SME Apprenticeship and T Level Market Procurement**

Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA)

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **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>

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Stimulating the SME Apprenticeship and T Level Market Procurement

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Department for Education, acting through the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), are seeking to procure outcome driven plans from intermediaries/partners and partnerships to build on the existing levels of awareness and business benefits amongst Employers and to stimulate and encourage new or renewed participation in Apprenticeships and T Level Industry placements within the Small and Medium Sized Employer (SME) landscape. This focus on SMEs and the new starts created will increase the economic value of skills being supplied by the post 16 system and these improved skills will lead to increased productivity, social mobility and will support economic recovery. A market engagement event will be conducted via Microsoft Teams in early July to provide further detail with regards to this opportunity and an update will be posted via Contracts Finder with details of how to access the event. The intention is to publish the tender opportunity in July 2021 and the procurement will be run via the DfE eTendering Portal URL:

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com> therefore please ensure that your organisation has an account registered on the Jaggaer portal to access the opportunity. Please note that all information in this notice is indicative and subject to change.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.6) Original notice reference**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-012503](#)

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## **Section VII. Changes**

### **VII.1) Information to be changed or added**

#### **VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice**

Section number

II.2

Place of text to be modified

Date of Market engagement event has been amended

Instead of

Date

15 July 2021

Read

Date

7 September 2021

Local time

11:00am

#### **VII.2) Other additional information**

The ESFA will be undertaking an online market engagement event at 11.00am on 7th September 2021 for interested parties. The event is anticipated to last approximately 90 minutes and will give interested parties an understanding of the aims of the procurement.

The procurement is expected to commence in November 2021 with contract(s) awarded by April 2022. Further information on the procurement process will be provided at the market engagement event.

If you wish to register to attend the event, please use the link below: Register to attend market engagement event - 7th September 2021:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stimulating-the-sme-apprenticeship-and-t-level-market-engagement-tickets-166781547097>

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