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## **Kinship Peer to Peer Support Service**

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/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/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Kinship Peer to Peer Support Service

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

- 85322000 - Community action programme

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

Services

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

Department for Education are looking for a provider to set up and deliver peer to peer support groups for kinship carers in areas of most need across the country. The contract is due to commence on 1 November 2021 and will be for an initial period of 1 year with a further optional extension of 1 year.

Kinship carers play a vital role in caring for children who may otherwise have entered care, but many struggle emotionally, physically and financially due to the caring responsibilities they take on. Currently there is uneven provision of local support groups for kinship carers: some localities offer no provision, some commission groups that are restricted to kinship carers with legal orders for their children, while in other parts of the country local support groups are peer-led and open to all. Through this funding we want to build the foundations for high-quality peer support across the country.

#### **Bidders Event**

It is the Department for Education's intention to hold a bidders event on Tuesday 24 August 2021 11:00 – 13:30 to provide further details about the contract and service requirements, as well as providing the opportunity to ask any questions. For those unable to attend, the notes from the event will be shared with all those who have registered for the opportunity on Jaggaer.

To register for this event please access the Invitation to Tender through the Jaggaer Portal (<https://education.app.jaggaer.com>) and use the message facility to provide the names and email addresses of those who wish to attend, to allow a link to be sent out ahead of the event.

This event will be held online using the platform Microsoft Teams.

If you would like to attend the market engagement webinar please express your interest by no later than 17:00 on Friday 20 July 2021.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

There is a real need to support kinship carers, including those at the beginning of their journey (before the child is in their care), during the journey to having responsibility for the child (court, introduction to the child) and when the child is in their care (contact with parents, schools' admissions, general support). Research shows that there is a gap in support and knowledge sharing for kinship families. Peer to peer support, with the guidance of local authorities is one route to achieving this offer of support.

We want contract to deliver peer to peer support groups across the country, especially in areas of high need and high demand.

### **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

12

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

1 year optional extension

### **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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The Contracting Authority for Education (DfE) will be administering the procurement process electronically via the DfE e-Procurement Solution (ePS) portal; Jaggaer. No hard copy documents will be issued and all communications with DfE (including final submission of tenders) will be conducted via the Jaggaer Portal. Bidders can register here:

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

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## **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: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

13 September 2021

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

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

14 September 2021

Local time

10:00am

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## **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**

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom