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## **CSR/128 - Civil Service central Apprenticeship Contract**

Cabinet Office

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02d475

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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/cabinet-office>

Buyer's address

<https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/organisation/register>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/organisation/register>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

CSR/128 - Civil Service central Apprenticeship Contract

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

On the Monday 1st March 2021, the Apprenticeship Coordination Office (ACO) who sit within the Cabinet Office published a Prior information notice (PIN) Publication reference: 2021/S 000-003994 seeking expressions of interest from certified Apprenticeship training providers who are interested in delivering a range of Apprenticeships across central government.

ACO set out in the PIN that we envisaged that the requirement will be divided into 8 Lots, one for a particular Profession area. ACO also was considering expanding on 9 more additional lots based on new Professions areas subject to approval as these total number of Lots may change.

All interested providers who expressed an interest in the PIN were invited to attend a Virtual Market Engagement event that was held on Tuesday 30th March 2021 where ACO provided an overview of the proposed Apprenticeship delivery model.

Since the event, ACO has been finalising tender documentation based on feedback from the marketplace and agreeing the procurement route to market

ACO are now able to provide the following update on the procurement process for CSR/128 - Central Government Apprenticeship Contract.

ACO intend to split the new Civil Service Central Apprenticeship procurement into the following 2 phases:

Phase 1: Certified Apprenticeship training providers who are appointed on the Crown Commercial Services Apprenticeship Training Dynamic Marketplace DPS will be invited to

submit a bid for the apprenticeship standards for the following 8 Professions areas by the week commencing Monday 23 August 2021.

Lot 1 Operational Delivery

Lot 2 Business Administration

Lot 3 HR

Lot 4 Finance

Lot 5 Commercial

Lot 6 Policy

Lot 7 Project Management

Lot 8 Digital

Phase 2: As the following 9 Professions areas and standards are currently still being explored by departments, the earliest that Certified Apprenticeship training providers can bid for these apprenticeship standards listed will be Spring 2022.

Lot 9 Communication

Lot 10 Property

Lot 11 Economist

Lot 12 Legal

Lot 13 Engineering

Lot 14 Transport and logistics

Lot 15 Protective services/Health & Safety

Lot 16 Environmental

Lot 17 Health

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

Value excluding VAT: £63,423,800

### **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**

Please be aware that if prospective providers are interested in participating in the phase 1 procurement exercise then they must ensure to be an appointed supplier on the Crown Commercial Services Apprenticeship Training Dynamic Marketplace DPS.

If your organisation isn't already an registered and appointed supplier on the DPS then follow the below instructions

All suppliers are required to register on the Supplier Registration Service (SRS) system prior to submitting a 'Request to Participate' using the link

<https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/organisation/register>

Once registered onto the SRS system then Suppliers will need to request to apply to be appointed onto the Apprenticeship Training Dynamic Marketplace DPS by following the guidance provided on the system.

The DMP is organised into distinct Filters

- a) Bidders can indicate their services and all elements relevant to their service offering, and
- b) Buyers can filter the service and elements; use the information in the Supplier prospectus and Pricing matrix to award a contract to a supplier or to produce a shortlist of appointed suppliers to invite to a competition.

It will be important that Suppliers have indicated the apprenticeships standards that they offer so that when the procurement exercise for CSR/128 - Central Government Apprenticeship Contract is ready that suppliers are invited to participate.

If your organisation is unsure what Apprenticeship standards that ACO will be inviting certified Apprenticeship training providers to bid for then please request a copy of the list

at [cshr.apprenticeships@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:cshr.apprenticeships@cabinetoffice.gov.uk) by Friday 20th August 2021.

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

This updated prior information notice (PIN) is to inform the potential marketplace that Cabinet Office will be issuing the phase 1 procurement exercise using Crown Commercial Services Apprenticeship Training Dynamic Marketplace DPS.

Providers must ensure to follow the instructions for using the Supplier Registration Service (SRS) and Apprenticeship Training Dynamic Marketplace DPS.

If you require support in registering onto the Apprenticeship Training Dynamic Marketplace DPS then contact the Apprenticeship Training Dynamic Marketplace DMP team at [peoplepillarcomms@crownccommercial.gov.uk](mailto:peoplepillarcomms@crownccommercial.gov.uk).

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

27 August 2021

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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