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Planning

Personalised Assessments in Reading and Numeracy

Welsh Government

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Welsh Government

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Country

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NUTS code

UKL - Wales

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://gov.wales>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007

I.3) Communication

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

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Personalised Assessments in Reading and Numeracy

Reference number

C084/2021/2022

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212190 - Educational software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Welsh Government is intending to appoint a supplier to deliver the full end-to-end digital service for Personalised Assessments in Wales. Personalised Assessments in reading and numeracy are currently statutory for learners in maintained schools in Wales from Years 2 to 9. These adaptive assessments are designed to support understanding of individual learner progression in the lead up to and during the implementation of Curriculum for Wales.

The assessments are for formative use, with a range of feedback on individuals, classes and groups that support understanding of strengths and areas for improvement.

The successful supplier will be required to provide a continuation of a digital service, develop and deliver a suite of services, including:

- An intuitive and user-friendly web-based and fully bilingual interface;
- A suite of four web-based adaptive assessments – English Reading, Welsh Reading, Numeracy (Procedural) and Numeracy (Reasoning);
- Content for the adaptive assessments appropriate for learners from Year 2 to 9
- Reporting (standardised and bespoke);
- Bilingual support/service desk; and

- Provide fully hosted infrastructure (UK/EU located data centre).

The successful supplier will be required to:

- be certified under either ISO27001 or Cyber Essentials Plus schemes;
- ensure the solution is fully bilingual and complies with level AAA of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) / ISO 40500:2012;
- manage the integration with existing systems, ensuring efficient and ongoing data transfer and providing a fully integrated solution with a single sign-on;
- manage the seamless and secure transition from the current service to the new solution, including all content and data migration, the adaptive algorithm and assessment reports; and
- take an innovative approach, seeking to improve and add value to the service, as new products and approaches become available.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £21,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48190000 - Educational software package
- 72212190 - Educational software development services
- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

The service will be delivered to schools across Wales.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The intention is to undertake an open procurement to appoint a single supplier to deliver the services.

It is intended that the contract will be for 4 years with the option to extend for 2 further periods of 12 months (6 years in total).

The Welsh Government would welcome consortium bids.

Wider Economic and Social Benefits will be included in the evaluation of tenders.

II.2.14) Additional information

All communication prior to the tender being issued will be issued through this Sell2Wales notice. Please register your interest to ensure you are kept up-to-date with developments.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

26 September 2022

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The eTenderWales procurement portal will be used to administer the procurement exercise, please register free here if you are considering bidding:

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/home.html>

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Sell2Wales Web Site at

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=123124.

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