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Planning

HMPPS Literacy Innovation Fund – Learning through Digital delivery

Ministry of Justice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

HMPPS Literacy Innovation Fund – Learning through Digital delivery

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Government has set out a vision in the Prison Strategy White Paper to deliver a service which equips prisoners with the numeracy, literacy, skills, and qualifications they need to get jobs or apprenticeships after they leave custody.

To achieve this commitment, we are seeking innovative solutions to the Literacy and Numeracy challenges that exist within prisons from the open market, as outlined below. This is to include both Digital and non-Digital solutions. This is a distinct requirement to the wider ongoing Prison Education Service.

We know that most prisoners have low levels of education. Over 50% of adult prisoners are assessed on entry as having the maths and English levels at or below that expected of an 11-year-old, around 30% are assessed as having learning difficulties and disabilities, and a high proportion have been excluded from school. This can make learning and engagement with formal English and maths education settings 'in the classroom' challenging or out of reach for many prisoners who need the most support. We are seeking innovative solutions that meet one, or more, of the following criteria:

1. Solutions which deliver maths and English learning in an appealing and accessible way to prisoners (including those that may have additional learning needs) who are currently unable or unwilling to engage in the current education offer to improve their literacy and numeracy skills. In particular we are interested in approaches that support prisoners with a range of reading and writing needs, including decoding, word reading, reading fluency, vocabulary learning, spelling and reading/writing practice. We are also interested in approaches supporting with maths/numeracy at a range of levels.

This can be both Digital and Non-Digital interventions, which supports prisoners to

improve their literacy and numeracy and acts as a progression route into more formal functional skills qualifications.

We are interested in digital interventions which promote engagement and access to literacy and numeracy education away from the classroom environment (for example in workshops, on-wing, in-cell, outdoors, the gym or the library).

2. Additionally we are looking for solutions which deliver learning to mentors (peer mentors primarily) on how to teach, or support the learning of, literacy and/or numeracy skills to peers.

In issuing this Prior Information Notice, the MoJ is seeking to inform the market of this planned procurement with a view to having a virtual market engagement session on 18th August 2022. This will be recorded if you are unable to attend this session.

This PIN is in conjunction with another PIN supporting this priority for digital content and eLearning for other subjects outside of literacy and numeracy.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Literacy and numeracy learning

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22000000 - Printed matter and related products
- 48100000 - Industry specific software package
- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services

- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development
- 75231200 - Services related to the detention or rehabilitation of criminals
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80100000 - Primary education services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 80510000 - Specialist training services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 92100000 - Motion picture and video services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

The HMPPS Prison Estate in England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

1. Solutions which deliver maths and English learning in an appealing and accessible way to prisoners (including those that may have additional learning needs) who are currently unable or unwilling to engage in the current education offer to improve their literacy and numeracy skills. In particular we are interested in approaches that support prisoners with a range of reading and writing needs, including decoding, word reading, reading fluency, vocabulary learning, spelling and reading/writing practice. We are also interested in approaches supporting with maths/numeracy at a range of levels. Will promote engagement and access to literacy and numeracy education away from the classroom environment (for example in workshops, on-wing, in-cell, outdoors, the gym or the library).

II.2.14) Additional information

May be either face to face or digital interventions , which supports prisoners to improve their literacy and numeracy and acts as a progression route into more formal functional skills qualifications.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Peer mentors to support literacy and numeracy learning

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48100000 - Industry specific software package
- 79998000 - Coaching services
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 80511000 - Staff training services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 80590000 - Tutorial services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

The HMPPS Prison Estate in England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Solutions which deliver learning to mentors (peer mentors primarily) on how to teach, or support the learning of, literacy and/or numeracy skills to peers.

II.2.14) Additional information

Both digital and non-digital solutions

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

17 October 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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

In issuing this Prior Information Notice, the MoJ is seeking to inform the market of this planned procurement with a view to having a virtual market engagement session on the 18th August 2022.

This PIN is distinct and separate to the wide Prison Education Service that was previously advertised earlier this year.

This PIN is in conjunction with another PIN supporting this priority for digital content and eLearning for other subjects outside of literacy and numeracy. Delivery will be required in 2023.

The purpose of this engagement is to secure wider market involvement in the testing and development of new Innovations in literacy and numeracy in the HMPPS Prison Estate in England. MoJ is seeking to assess the level of interest, capability and capacity of a wide range of providers to deliver this innovation and cover the various aspects of the requirement including face to face delivery, training for peers to support learning and software development to deliver literacy and numeracy via digital learning.

This engagement will inform how this requirement is delivered. The lotting structure and contract/grant values are yet to be decided and will be informed by the market engagement.

The Authority plans to hold a market engagement event via MS Teams on the 18th August. This will explore opportunities and will lead to more specific information on service objectives and requirements. There will be an opportunity to ask questions during the live event.

Suppliers should register to the MoJ eProcurement Jaggaer platform Ministry of Justice Sourcing Portal (bravosolution.co.uk), to register to the Market engagement event and receive background information to the Innovation Fund.

Following the webinar, there will be further supplier engagement through questionnaire issued to all interested suppliers with tender documents to be published in October.

We are very interested to hear suppliers' views throughout this process to enable us to shape the Innovation Fund and contracting arrangements that will improve both literacy and numeracy for adults within the HMPPS estate.

We reserve the right to supplement and vary the conduct of the prior engagement process. Where we do this, we will act transparently and treat all suppliers who have expressed an interest equally.

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