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HMPPS Innovation Fund - eLearning content

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 Innovation Fund - eLearning content

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 skills and qualifications they need to get jobs or apprenticeships after they leave custody.

Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) has the ambition of improving the quality & quantity of digital eLearning content available to prisoners which can support progression during the course their sentence.

To achieve this commitment, we are seeking innovative solutions to digital eLearning content from the open market. This is to include both online & offline solutions. This will be any learning content except literacy and numeracy content as required in the other PIN.

We are open to any content suitable for the cohort of prisoners nationally (18+) and invite solutions to engage learners that cover a variety of offerings (both traditional academic subjects but also any other digital education offering). These courses do not have to be accredited learning offerings.

This is a distinct requirement to the wider ongoing Prison Education Service procurement.

We know that most prisoners have low levels of education. Around 30% of adult prisoners are assessed as having learning difficulties and disabilities, and a high proportion have been excluded from school. This can make learning and engagement and in more formal 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. Deliver a wide range of learning opportunities for prisoners to engage with and be interested in learning new skills.
2. Deliver 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 knowledge & skills. In particular, we are interested in approaches that support a more engaging and agile way of delivering education digitally and make use of innovative techniques similar to those used in mainstream Further Education such as gamification.
3. Digital content which promotes engagement and access to education away from the classroom environment (for example in their cells, in the workshops or in other areas of the prison where education is not usually delivered) and allows prisoners to conduct self-directed study.
4. Interactive content which provides the ability to measure progress, receive feedback and allows for analytics to support central assessment.

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 (Learning through Digital delivery) 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: £500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Learning digital content

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

We are open to any content suitable for the cohort of prisoners nationally (18+) and invite solutions to engage learners that cover a variety of offerings (both traditional academic subjects but also any other digital education offering). These courses do not have to be accredited learning offerings.

Solutions to develop to content to support 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 skills.

II.2.14) Additional information

Can either be off the shelf content or bespoke content development.

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 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 digital content & eLearning in the HMPPS Adult 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 provide views on appropriate learning content.

This engagement will inform how this requirement is delivered. The lotting structure and contract 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 eLearning 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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