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Planning

Wraparound School Age Childcare and Early Years Entitlements (Delivery Partner) - Early Engagement

Department for Education

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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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

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Wraparound School Age Childcare and Early Years Entitlements (Delivery Partner) - Early Engagement

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this early engagement notice is to notify the market of a forthcoming market engagement event relating to the Department's wraparound school age childcare programme and the delivery of expanded early years entitlements announced at the 2023 Spring Budget. It is not a call for competition.

This PIN is intended to inform the market of an opportunity to help shape the future delivery ahead of a possible procurement.

Providers will need to register their interest via the DfE eTendering portal (Jaggaer). Providers can access this system at: <https://education.app.jaggaer.com> for details of how to register and the terms of free registration.

For information: Attendance at the market engagement events is not a pre-requisite for being able to submit a tender against this opportunity. If you are unable to attend the market engagement events, the slides and Q&A outcomes will be made available.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Department is currently investigating options to procure additional delivery support to local authorities and potentially schools, early years settings and private providers for the establishment and expansion of wraparound and delivery of the expanded childcare entitlements.

We are interested in hearing from suppliers with the skills and expertise to work proactively and reactively with LAs to support the delivery of this childcare agenda, which support both early years and school age children.

In pursuance of this, the Department is seeking information from suppliers in order to help inform the options available to the Department in regard to how the programme are delivered.

We will be undertaking an online event on 27 July 2023. This event is anticipated to last approximately 1 hour from 4 to 5pm. The market engagement event is an opportunity to shape the core responsibilities and delivery offer of the Department's future programme ahead of possible future procurement.

During the engagement session we will be asking questions which we list in Jaggaer. We

would also like a follow up response after the session to help inform our approach to any potential procurement.

Purpose

From September 2025, all eligible working parents of children aged nine months and over will be entitled to 30 hours free childcare per week up until their child starts school. In addition, the government also announced that there will be £289m funding to support local authorities to work with schools and other providers to increase the supply of wraparound childcare, so that all parents of school-age children can access childcare from 8am – 6pm if they need it. Provision will be available from September 2024.

This is a hugely exciting programme that will remove barriers preventing parents from participating in the workforce or working longer hours, and provide more children with access to high quality early education.

II.2.14) Additional information

Please note that this PIN is not a call to competition and the department is not bound to enter into any procurement activity because of it. All procurement activity is subject to Ministerial priorities, funding and any or all procurement activity is subject to change at the Department's absolute discretion. Procurement, if taken forward, is expected to open later this year.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

2 October 2023

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