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Planning

Languages Hub - FTS

Department for Education

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0356f5

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education

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

Languages Hub - FTS

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 PIN is to initiate market engagement. It is not being used as a call for competition. The PIN is intended as an information-gathering exercise.

The purpose of this early engagement notice is to notify the market of the Department for Education's (DfE) intention to undertake a procurement exercise to source a potential supplier via the competitive award of a contract to establish a national centre for languages, to support a collaborative network of Languages Hubs, as part of the wider development of school-led system leadership, in England. The aim of the Languages Hubs is to support schools and colleges to increase interest, uptake and attainment in

languages, helping to reach the 90% EBacc entry ambition as restated in the Schools White Paper.

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

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The Languages Hubs will:

- improve the quality of languages education, and to develop and spread excellent evidence-based practice in primary and secondary language teaching and learning
- offer bespoke, peer-led training and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) to teachers in schools, in England, informed by research and evidence
- focus on evidence-based, high-quality language teaching and learning, and the development of effective transition points from primary to secondary to tertiary education
- align with existing and new DfE-led languages programmes (specifically Arabic and German), and Curriculum Body arrangements, including signposting to information to support heritage languages.

This Find a Tender Notice is linked to contracts Finder Future Opportunity Notice for Early Supplier Engagement Event.

The contractor can be either one organisation, or a group of economic operators. We are keen to receive feedback from suppliers on our proposal and therefore we will be hosting a market engagement webinar.

A market engagement webinar will be hosted by the DfE on Thursday 18 August 2022 from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. Details of this webinar will be sent to interested parties following registration.

Bidders who are not already registered on DfE procurement portal can register here: https://education.app.jaggaer.com

When registered and signed in to Jaggaer you will need to express an interest in the opportunity to be able to access all relevant documentation, including the webinar pack.

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 information pack, along with slides and Q&A will be made available.

If you would like to attend the market engagement webinar on Thursday 18 August 2022 please express your interest by no later than 4:00pm on Tuesday 16 August 2022. For any assistance required in registering please contact the Jaggaer helpdesk: help-uk@iaggaer.com

This notice is a zero value PIN for early market engagement. It is for information only and is not a call for competition. The Department for Education reserves the right not to enter a formal procurement process and not proceed with contract award.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

22 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