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Planning

Accelerator Fund - Capability building

Department for Education

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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Main address

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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://education.app.jaggaer.com>

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

Accelerator Fund - Capability building

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

THIS IS AN INVITATION TO AN EARLY MARKET ENGAGEMENT EVENT

A government funded initiative to support literacy & numeracy programmes to prepare for large scale delivery.

The purpose of this Early Engagement Notice is to inform the market about a forthcoming market engagement event relating to an imminent contract opportunity to deliver capability building support services as part of the wider Accelerator Fund initiative from autumn 2022.

Background

The Accelerator Fund is a Government funded initiative which seeks to support and encourage schools to access well-evidenced programmes, predominantly focused on literacy and numeracy, by growing a pipeline of programmes with a view to scaling-up those that demonstrate a good evidence base. It aims to ensure there is a quality supply of programmes that can be confidently and easily accessed by schools and to spark a behavioural change in how schools spend their disadvantage funding. For these purposes, “schools” includes early years and post-16 education settings.

The key objectives of the Accelerator Fund are to:

A. Increase the pipeline of evidence-based programmes by investing in: evidence-based practice that is not yet formed into a ‘programme’ and developing that into programmes, with the support of schools; testing the feasibility of a programme’s delivery model to identify potential benefits and move to the next stage of the pipeline; and efficacy trials to

evaluate the impact of existing programmes on pupil attainment.

B. Scale-up existing programmes by generating more evidence of their impact at a larger scale through effectiveness trials; offering grants to subsidise the cost to schools to encourage take up, providing direct grants to support programme development for scale; and providing market and capability building support.

C. Support schools to choose evidence-based programmes, focused on school engagement and supporting schools to make informed decisions about what programme or trial opportunities they may take part in.

The Requirement

This contract opportunity focuses on one element of objective B only (as set out above) - specifically business development support . Even the most promising programmes may need support to strengthen areas of weakness or to overcome barriers to scaling . As part of the Accelerator Fund, the procured organisation will work with programme teams - i.e. leaders/deliverers of literacy and numeracy programmes - to address these challenges. This work can have a programmatic focus, for example improving the training model, or an organisational one, for example, advising on how best to market the programme. It may be needed where the delivery team lacks expertise and is willing to build its own capacity. This work will support programmes to grow their reach sustainably, while maintaining quality.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Route to market: Open competition to appoint a prime supplier to deliver capability building support to predominantly numeracy/ literacy programmes, or source organisations to deliver the support if they do not have the in- house expertise.

Engagement details: The Department will be hosting an online event at 1pm on 04/08/2022. The event is anticipated to last 45 minutes, it will summarise the requirement and provide an opportunity for potential bidders to feedback and ask questions.

To participate in this market engagement event please register your interest in the opportunity via DfE-Tendering portal - Jaggaer: <http://education.app.jaggaer.com>

Once your organisation has expressed their interest in the opportunity, event details and joining instructions will be issued.

The procurement is expected to commence mid-August 2022, with a contract awarded by November 2022. More information on the procurement process will be provided at the market engagement event.

This notice is for information only and is not a call for competition. The Department reserves the right not to enter into a formal procurement process and not to award a contract. Accordingly, the Authority will not be liable for any bid cost, expenditure, work, or effort incurred by a provider in acting on the basis of this PIN. Attendance at the market engagement event is not a pre-requisite for being able to submit a tender against this opportunity.

All future engagement regarding this opportunity will take place via Jaggaer and will be advertised on Contracts Finder and Find a Tender Service.

All information included in this notice is indicative and subject to change.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

28 July 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

