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Contract

Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-032c41

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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

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

Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department for Education aims to deliver a new network of Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs in England. The Hubs will be responsible for supporting other early years settings with adopting evidence-based practice improvements to address key COVID-19 recovery issues and build local networks for sharing effective practice.

Building on the Early Years Foundation Stage reforms, the Hubs will be existing, well-established early years settings with expertise and knowledge of what works to support child outcomes, and the supporting evidence base. Hubs will also have demonstrable experience of delivering effective practice for the benefit of children. The programme is part of the Department for Education's £180 million investment in recovery support in the early years sector.

This contract is to support the delivery of 18 Hubs over the duration of the contract. This will involve co-designing and running an exercise to select the Stronger Practice Hubs, providing oversight and quality assurance of the Hubs throughout the delivery period and facilitating best practice and intelligence sharing between Hubs and with the Department for Education and other partners.

This contract will run from July 2022 to December 2024, with a possible contract extension of one year. The programme set up period will run from July 2022 to November 2022, with Hubs expected to launch in November 2022. Programme delivery will run until October 2024, followed by a two-month wind-down period at the end of the contract.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £721,807

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This contract is as a result of a competitive tendering exercise subject to OJEU principles and PCR 2015. This is a single stage open procurement exercise taking into account quality, price and social value.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The DfE reserves the right to extend the contract at its sole discretion by 12 months.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

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Title

Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 June 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

National Children's Bureau

23 Mentmore Terrace

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £721,807

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

National Audit Office

London

Country

United Kingdom