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Contract

National Tutoring Programme –Recruiting and Deploying Academic Mentors (con_15277)

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0328f5

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

Sanctuary Buildings, 20, Great Smith Street

London

SW1P 3BT

Email

asher.jones@education.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.gov.uk/df

Buyer's address

<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

National Tutoring Programme –Recruiting and Deploying Academic Mentors (con_15277)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department for Education has provided over 1 million tutoring courses since the launch of the National Tutoring Programme in 2020. We are seeking to build on this for Academic Years 22/23 and 23/24 by giving schools greater freedom to design an delivery a tutoring offer that meets the needs of their pupils, alongside making the programme simpler and more flexible.

To achieve this, we are seeking a delivery partner to deliver the following requirements:

- Recruitment of a new pool of tutors (known as “Academic Mentors”) and management of deployment of Academic Mentors to schools

The Secretary of State for Education via Department for Education (the Authority) is undertaking a procurement to appoint a contractor, for the provision of this element of the National Tutoring Programme. The Term of the Contract shall commence on or around 1st August 2022 for AY 2022/23 and expire on 31 August 2024 (the end of AY 23/24), subject to earlier termination in accordance with the provisions 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: £7,925,250

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Authority is seeking to appoint a delivery partner to deliver the requirements set out above, which will contribute to the delivery of the National Tutoring Programme.

The Programme is intended to support pupils, in particular disadvantaged pupils, to recover from learning loss experienced during the pandemic. This will be achieved by providing pupils with intensive support delivered by skilled tutors, on a one-to-one basis or in groups of up to six pupils. There is clear evidence that tutoring has a substantial positive impact on education outcomes, as a complement to excellent classroom teaching.

The programme has seen over 1 million tutoring packages delivered since its launch in summer 2020. During AY21/22 a significant proportion of tutoring has been via the new school-led route, which has involved schools being provided with funding to subsidise the cost of delivery. We are building on this for AY22/23 by providing schools with a total of £350m in NTP funding, which they can use to subsidise up to 60% of the cost of tutoring. Schools will also receive NTP funding directly in AY23/24, though with the subsidy reduced to 25%. Schools will receive support from the Authority, including via our new digital service through which they will be able to find high-quality, local tutoring organisations.

Alongside this, we are seeking a delivery partner to deliver the recruitment and

deployment element of the programme. Our delivery partner will support schools to spend their NTP funding effectively on a tutoring offer that suits the needs of their pupils. The element of the programme for which we are seeking a delivery partner is as follows:

- Recruitment and deployment of Academic Mentors: our delivery partner will recruit a pool of well-qualified Academic Mentors for deployment to schools that request them. Recruitment will involve a rigorous assessment process that secures the best quality candidates. Deployment will involve an efficient process that sees AMs quickly assigned to schools, possibly with particular schools or areas being prioritised to receive an AM.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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

15277

Title

National Tutoring Programme - Recruiting and Deploying Academic Mentors

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 July 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Cognition Education UK Limited

The St Botolph Building, 138 Houndsditch

London

EC3A 7AR

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: £6,821,858.90

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point

information on the award of the Contract is communicated to tenderers. Applicants who are unsuccessful

shall be informed by the Authority as soon as possible after the decision has been made as to the reasons

why the Applicant was unsuccessful. If any clarification regarding the award of the Contract has not been

successfully resolved, The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No. 102) provide for aggrieved parties

who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the rules to take legal action.

Any such action must be brought within the applicable limitation period. Where a contract has not been

entered into, the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the Authority to amend

any document and may award damages.

If a contract has been entered into the Court may, depending on the circumstances, award damages, make a

declaration of ineffectiveness, order the Authority to pay a fine, and/or order that the duration of the

contract be shortened. The purpose of the voluntary standstill period referred to above is to allow the parties

to apply to the Courts to set aside the award decision before the Contract is entered into.

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

High Court

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London

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