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Planning

Supporting the local delivery of the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

Department for Education

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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/web/login.html>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Supporting the local delivery of the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71356300 - Technical support services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) provides health, nutrition, well-being and learning opportunities for children from low-income families across England. It provides free childcare, structured activities and food for those on free school meals (FSM), during the longer school holidays.

The programme was successfully piloted in a limited number of areas between 2018 and 2020 and has been delivered nationally since 2021. As we move into the third year of nationwide HAF delivery, we need to support local authorities (LAs) in a way that enhances delivery while maximising value for money.

This notice seeks interest from organisations that could monitor and provide universal support to all upper tier LAs, as well as providing ad-hoc intensive support for LAs that require this.

Please note, the precise value and details of this service are yet to be determined.

The Department intends to run a procurement for a support contract that monitors LA delivery and offers a basic support package for all upper tier local authorities.

The support contract would also provide intensive support for those local authorities that need it. Possible challenges include insufficient places, low take up of places or poor quality of provision. In these circumstances, the Department could work with the local authority and the relevant specialist from the support contractor to develop and implement a support plan.

A support plan, written jointly by the local authority, the Department and supplier, would

outline the steps which need to be taken to improve HAF to an adequate standard in their area and the timescales in which this improvement action will take place. The supplier would then work with the Department to offer their expertise, and check that the actions identified in the plan are being delivered on time.

We are interested in understanding potential supplier views on how to provide these services on a national level.

The Department has developed a questionnaire for interested suppliers to complete , this is located within the Departments e-procurement portal Jaggaer. Please download, complete, and upload your responses via the messaging function on Jaggaer.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71356300 - Technical support services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This PIN and survey will help inform local authority support from January 2023 and further announcements will be made in due course.

Subsequent to the responses received to the questions presented via this PIN, the Department may engage further with interested suppliers and seek further information and engagement. Any such opportunities will be advertised as appropriate via Find a Tender Service and Contracts Finder.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

5 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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The information contained in this Prior Information Notice (PIN), including information relating to the nature and scope of the authority requirements, the service classification of this requirement of the list of CPV codes, is only indicative of the authority's current thinking and is neither exhaustive nor binding. The authority reserves the right at its absolute discretion to amend it at the time of issue of any further notices or at any other time.

This open tender competition will be run via the DfE's e-procurement portal, Jaggaer. It is recommended that to avoid missing out, interested organisations register on this system as soon as possible. Links to the site and related guidance can be found via the following <https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>