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## **Adult Skills and Learning (DPS)**

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

F02: Contract notice

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

**27 October 2028, 11:59pm**

See the [change notice](#).

## **Section I: Contracting authority**

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/ccs>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/dps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.gov.uk/ccs>

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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

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Adult Skills and Learning (DPS)

Reference number

RM6348

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Crown Commercial Service (CCS) as the Authority intends to put in place a Pan Government Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) to support the provision of Adult Learning and Skills requirements that can be utilised by Mayoral Combined Authorities, Devolved Administrations, Local Authorities, Education Establishments and Central Government Departments.

The new agreement will offer a range of pre-qualified regional and national providers to support UK public sector bodies in running procurements for Adult Learning and Skills provisions.

CCS will be creating a supply market that enables the procurement of education and training for those aged 19 years and above to help them develop the skills they require to progress into, or within, work; or to equip them for an apprenticeship and/or other tertiary qualifications.

The new agreement will provide a route to market for all available 19+ funding streams (including Adult Education Budget (AEB)) that are used by Mayoral Combined Authorities, Devolved Administrations, Local Authorities, Education Establishments and Central Government Departments.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80500000 - Training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

This DPS allows for the provision of publicly funded skills training for adults (aged 19 and over), and young adults (aged 16 to 18), to support the development of skills to progress into, or within, work; or to equip them for an apprenticeship and/or tertiary qualification.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

End date

27 October 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Suppliers will be assessed on their response to the selection criteria in their request to participate for a place on the RM6348 – Adult Skills and Learning DPS. The procurement bid pack and registration details can be accessed via the following URL address

<https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/dps>

and clicking on Access as a Supplier

Please read the DPS Needs document first for a full overview of the procurement process and read the instructions carefully. To register for the RM6348 – Adult Skills and Learning DPS please select the 'Access as a Supplier' link which can be located at the URL address above. An example of how to register for the DPS platform can be found at the following YouTube generic guide

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gMaIEIqEyY&authuser=0>

Please note that to register you must have a valid DUNS number (as provided by Dun and Bradstreet) for the organisation which you are registering and who will be entering into a contract if invited to do so. The procurement will be managed electronically via CCS. The value provided in Section II.1.5) is only an estimate. We cannot guarantee to suppliers any business through this DPS Agreement. This procurement offering does not guarantee any minimum spend and there will be no form of exclusivity or volume guarantee under this DPS. As part of this contract notice the bid pack and the following documents can be accessed at the link provided below:

1) Contract notice authorised customer list;

- 2) Rights reserved for CCS DPS Agreement.
- 3) DPS Bid Pack
- 4) DPS Contract Notice Transparency Information for Crown Commercial Service Framework Agreement

As part of this contract notice the following documents can be accessed at <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/c78a7750-70c7-4d04-adab-0e9f32990804>

### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system

#### **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**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-037938](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Originally published as:

Date

26 October 2028

Local time

12:00am

Changed to:

Date

27 October 2028

Local time

11:59pm

See the [change notice](#).

**IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

15 July 2024

**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

**VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The value provided in Section II.1.5) is only an estimate. The Authority cannot guarantee to suppliers any business through this DPS Agreement. The Authority expressly reserves the right:

(i) not to award any DPS Agreement as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and

(ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in no circumstances will the customer be liable for any costs incurred by the suppliers.

(iii) to make changes to the management charge applicable to this DPS in relation to both the percentage charged and the methodology used.

[We consider that the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 ("TUPE") may apply at the call for competition.]

It is the Supplier's responsibility to take their own advice and consider whether TUPE is likely to apply in the particular circumstances of the contract and to act accordingly.

On 2.4.2014 Government introduced its Government Security Classifications (GSC) scheme which replaced Government Protective Marking Scheme (GPMS). A key aspect is the reduction in the number of security classifications used. All bidders should make themselves aware of the changes as it may impact on this requirement. The link below to [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications) provides information on the GSC at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>.

Cyber Essentials is a mandatory requirement for central government contracts which involve handling personal information or provide certain ICT products/services. Government is taking steps to reduce the levels of cyber security risk in its supply chain through the Cyber Essentials scheme. The scheme defines a set of controls which, when implemented, will provide organisations with basic protection from the most prevalent forms of threat coming from the internet. To participate in this procurement, bidders must be able to demonstrate they comply with the technical requirements prescribed by Cyber Essentials, for services under and in connection with this procurement.

[Some purchases under this DPS Agreement may have requirements that can be met under this DPS Agreement but the purchase of which may be exempt from the Regulations (as defined in [READ FIRST RM6348- DPS Needs] within the invitation to



tender documentation). In such cases, Call-offs from this DPS will be unregulated purchases for the purposes of the Procurement Regulations, and the buyers may, at their discretion, modify the terms of the DPS and any Call-off Contracts to reflect that buyer's specific needs.]

A Future Opportunity on contract finder can be found here:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/60e53aed-ab91-4c15-a1ab-ecf831796f4a>

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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