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Contract

Trialling Framework 2022-25

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

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

Trialling Framework 2022-25

Reference number

STA 0291

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 acting through the Standards and Testing Agency (STA) has appointed multiple contractors for the provision of Trialling and Sampling services for a 3-year period 2022-25.

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: £12,887,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The STA's remit is to develop and deliver statutory national curriculum tests for use in schools. At present, the tests are in English Reading, English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS), Mathematics, Phonics and Reception Baseline Assessment, though it is possible that other tests may be proposed over the lifetime of this framework that would be within its scope. STA is responsible for ensuring these tests are of the highest quality, accessible to all, inclusive and free from bias. Trialling is therefore essential to STA's operating model of delivering brand new assessments.

The contractors appointed to the framework will be responsible for providing trialling and sampling services to the Agency. Two types of trials will be carried out:

- Item validation trial (IVT)

An IVT is a relatively small-scale trial providing evidence to support item development, for example refining the wording of questions and developing coding frames.

Technical pre-test (TPT)

The TPT is a larger scale trial and provides statistical evidence relating to items.

Sampling is a process by which national data can be collected without assessing all pupils. The activities involved in sampling are the same as for trialling, hence its inclusion

in this framework.

The initial term of the framework will be 3 years, there will be an option to extend it for additional period of 12 months.

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

II.2.14) Additional information

n/a

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

Con_14881

Lot No

n/a

Title

Trialling Framework 2022-2025

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 August 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

ACER International UK Ltd (ACER UK)

Shrewsbury

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: £3,219,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

Con_14880

Title

Trialling Framework 2022-2025

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 August 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

AlphaPlus Consultancy Ltd

Manchester

Email

TendersTD.STA@education.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,219,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

Con_14879

Title

Trialling Framework 2022-2025

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 August 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Scottish Qualification Authority

Glasgow

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: £3,219,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

Con_14878

Title

Trialling Framework 2022-2025

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 August 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

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Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

National Foundation for Educational Research

Slough

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: £3,219,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

n/a

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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