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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**

Department for Education

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#### **Telephone**

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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.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**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**

- 80000000 - 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

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## **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**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-001936](#)

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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

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### **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](mailto: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

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**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



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## **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

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**

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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

n/a

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

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

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