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Contract

Early Years: accredited Level 3 training for Special Educational Needs Coordinators

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-022215

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-031f8e

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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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

Early Years: accredited Level 3 training for Special Educational Needs Coordinators

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 intends to increase specialist expertise in SEND by increasing the number of Level 3 qualified SENCOs in group based settings and childminder settings, at a critical time for early years children, and in particular at a time when the Covid-19 pandemic has significantly reduced opportunities to identify and address SEND amongst children not yet of compulsory school age.

To further aid understanding of the SENCO role in these settings and what a qualification to enable an individual to perform this role should include, the department, with input from key EY sector stakeholders, put together two documents (“Early years level 3 SENCO qualification specification” and “Role description of the early years special educational needs coordinator”) which are available on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk).

The primary objective for this contract is to increase the number of Level 3 qualified SENCOs, available to children in group based settings and childminder settings, who have the knowledge and skills to properly fulfil the role of a SENCO described in the code of practice and in the role description.

The Supplier will deliver training of up to 5,000 SENCOs. Training will be available across England but with minimum % targets for each LA region. Training must take place between September 2022 and 31 August 2024. Training must result in an accredited Level 3 EY SENCO qualification.

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: £5,878,767

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This contract is as a result of a competitive tendering exercise subject to OJEU principles and PCR 2015. This is a single stage open procurement exercise taking into account quality, price and social value.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Department reserves the right at its sole discretion to extend this contract by up to 12 additional months.

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

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Title

Early Years: accredited Level 3 training for Special Educational Needs Coordinators

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

7 June 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

Best Practice Network Ltd

Newminster House, 27-29 Baldwin Street,

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

04472661

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £5,878,767

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

National Audit Office

London

Country

United Kingdom

