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Contract

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

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Department for Education

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London

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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**

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

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## **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**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-006389](#)

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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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

National Audit Office

London

Country

United Kingdom