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## **T Levels Qualification - Market Engagement - Generation 2, Wave 1**

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

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

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**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

T Levels Qualification - Market Engagement - Generation 2, Wave 1

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this PIN is to initiate market engagement and it is not being used as a call for competition. This PIN is intended to:

1. Inform the market of the upcoming procurement process for the Generation 2, Wave 1 T Levels, being commissioned by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) (and therefore enable the market / potential suppliers to begin to plan for this); and
2. Advise as to the upcoming market engagement event which will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams, with presentations from key note speakers about the forthcoming Generation 2, Wave 1 T Level procurement. There will also be one to one sessions offered where suppliers can meet with the procurement team, a workshop on how to bid for public contracts and a workshop specifically focussed on consortia bidding.

An updated version of this notice will be published when a date is confirmed for the market engagement event to take place.

Further details about the market engagement event, how to book one to one slots and attend the workshops can be found in the Information Memorandum accessible at <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### II.2) Description

### **II.2.1) Title**

Education and Childcare

Lot No

1

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
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### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

IfATE will be the contracting authority, subject to commencement of the relevant provisions of the Technical and Further Education Act 2017.

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T Levels are a recently established programme of Technical Education that have introduced a high quality technical option alongside an academic option for students aged 16 to 19. This is being implemented following the recommendation by the Independent Panel on Technical Education - the Sainsbury report. The Sainsbury Report also recommended that a single body or consortium should deliver each qualification under an "exclusive licence" that would be awarded for a fixed time period following open competition. The purpose of the proposed procurement will be to select and appoint an

Awarding Organisation (AO) to be responsible for developing and delivering the Generation 2, Wave 1 T Level qualification, under an exclusive licensing approach.

The expected scope of the role of the AO is that it would be responsible for:

- reviewing and refining content of the qualification from Wave 1;
- upskilling providers (further education schools and colleges);
- providing of learning and teaching materials;
- updating content; and- delivering qualification assessment services.

The pathway in scope for Lot 1 of the Generation 2, Wave 1 Procurement is Education and Childcare

Finalised outline content for the pathways will be available on the IfATE website at <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/t-levels/final-outline-content/> in due course.

Further information on the proposed procurement is provided in the Information Memorandum accessible at <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>. It is envisaged that any resulting contract would be a public services concession contract and that accordingly the procurement will be governed by the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, to the extent that the same apply to those services to which such contract would relate.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

It is a mandatory requirement that the potential supplier who is selected to provide the services under this procurement must be recognised by Ofqual to deliver the relevant Technical Qualification at the point of contract award. The applicable Ofqual criteria for recognition can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criteria-for-recognition>.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction

Lot No

2

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
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The expected scope of the role of the AO is that it would be responsible for:

- reviewing and refining content of the qualification from Wave 1;

- upskilling providers (further education schools and colleges);
- providing of learning and teaching materials;
- updating content; and- delivering qualification assessment services.

The pathway in scope for Lot 2 of the Generation 2, Wave 1 Procurement is Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction.

Finalised outline content for the pathways will be available on the IfATE website at <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/t-levels/final-outline-content/> in due course.

Further information on the proposed procurement is provided in the Information Memorandum accessible at <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>. It is envisaged that any resulting contract would be a public services concession contract and that accordingly the procurement will be governed by the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, to the extent that the same apply to those services to which such contract would relate.

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Building Services Engineering for Construction

Lot No

3

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

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The expected scope of the role of the AO is that it would be responsible for:

- reviewing and refining content of the qualification from Wave 1;
- upskilling providers (further education schools and colleges);
- providing of learning and teaching materials;
- updating content; and- delivering qualification assessment services.

The pathway in scope for Lot 3 of the Generation 2, Wave 1 Procurement is Building



Services Engineering for Construction.

Finalised outline content for the pathways will be available on the IfATE website at <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/t-levels/final-outline-content/> in due course.

Further information on the proposed procurement is provided in the Information Memorandum accessible at <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>. It is envisaged that any resulting contract would be a public services concession contract and that accordingly the procurement will be governed by the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, to the extent that the same apply to those services to which such contract would relate.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

It is a mandatory requirement that the potential supplier who is selected to provide the services under this procurement must be recognised by Ofqual to deliver the relevant Technical Qualification at the point of contract award. The applicable Ofqual criteria for recognition can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criteria-for-recognition>.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Onsite Construction

Lot No

4

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

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The expected scope of the role of the AO is that it would be responsible for:

- reviewing and refining content of the qualification from Wave 1;
- upskilling providers (further education schools and colleges);
- providing of learning and teaching materials;
- updating content; and- delivering qualification assessment services.

The pathway in scope for Lot 4 of the Generation 2, Wave 1 Procurement is Onsite Construction.

Finalised outline content for the pathways will be available on the IfATE website at <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/t-levels/final-outline-content/> in due course.

Further information on the proposed procurement is provided in the Information Memorandum accessible at <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>. It is envisaged that any resulting contract would be a public services concession contract and that accordingly the procurement will be governed by the Concession Contracts Regulations

2016, to the extent that the same apply to those services to which such contract would relate.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

It is a mandatory requirement that the potential supplier who is selected to provide the services under this procurement must be recognised by Ofqual to deliver the relevant Technical Qualification at the point of contract award. The applicable Ofqual criteria for recognition can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criteria-for-recognition>.

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Digital Business Services

Lot No

5

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

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

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The expected scope of the role of the AO is that it would be responsible for:

- reviewing and refining content of the qualification from Wave 1;
- upskilling providers (further education schools and colleges);
- providing of learning and teaching materials;
- updating content; and- delivering qualification assessment services.

The pathway in scope for Lot 5 of the Generation 2, Wave 1 is Digital Business Services

Finalised outline content for the pathways will be available on the IfATE website at <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/t-levels/final-outline-content/> in due course.

Further information on the proposed procurement is provided in the Information Memorandum accessible at <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>. It is envisaged that any resulting contract would be a public services concession contract and that accordingly the procurement will be governed by the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, to the extent that the same apply to those services to which such contract would relate.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

It is a mandatory requirement that the potential supplier who is selected to provide the services under this procurement must be recognised by Ofqual to deliver the relevant Technical Qualification at the point of contract award. The applicable Ofqual criteria for recognition can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criteria-for->

[recognition.](#)

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Digital Support Services

Lot No

6

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

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

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The expected scope of the role of the AO is that it would be responsible for:

- reviewing and refining content of the qualification from Wave 1;
- upskilling providers (further education schools and colleges);
- providing of learning and teaching materials;
- updating content; and- delivering qualification assessment services.

The pathway in scope for Lot 6 of the Generation 2, Wave 1 Procurement is Digital Support Services.

Finalised outline content for the pathways will be available on the IfATE website at <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/t-levels/final-outline-content/> in due course.

Further information on the proposed procurement is provided in the Information Memorandum accessible at <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>. It is envisaged that any resulting contract would be a public services concession contract and that accordingly the procurement will be governed by the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, to the extent that the same apply to those services to which such contract would relate.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

It is a mandatory requirement that the potential supplier who is selected to provide the services under this procurement must be recognised by Ofqual to deliver the relevant Technical Qualification at the point of contract award. The applicable Ofqual criteria for recognition can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criteria-for-recognition>.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Digital Production, Development and Design

Lot No

7

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

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

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The expected scope of the role of the AO is that it would be responsible for:

- reviewing and refining content of the qualification from Wave 1;
- upskilling providers (further education schools and colleges);
- providing of learning and teaching materials;
- updating content; and- delivering qualification assessment services.

The pathways in scope for Lot 7 of the Generation 2, Wave 1 Procurement is Digital Production, Development and Design.

Finalised outline content for the pathways will be available on the IfATE website at <https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/t-levels/final-outline-content/> in due course.

Further information on the proposed procurement is provided in the Information Memorandum accessible at <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>. It is envisaged that any resulting contract would be a public services concession contract and that accordingly the procurement will be governed by the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, to the extent that the same apply to those services to which such contract would relate.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

It is a mandatory requirement that the potential supplier who is selected to provide the services under this procurement must be recognised by Ofqual to deliver the relevant Technical Qualification at the point of contract award. The applicable Ofqual criteria for recognition can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criteria-for-recognition>.

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

30 August 2022

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### **Section IV. Procedure**

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

##### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No