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Prisoner Screening & Assessment Tools and Associated Services

Ministry of Justice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Public order and safety

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Prisoner Screening & Assessment Tools and Associated Services

Reference number

prj_12817

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212190 - Educational software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) has a legal requirement to secure the provision of education and training for prisoners and recognises that Education, Skills, and Work (ESW) play a significant role in reducing reoffending. A 2017 MoJ report shows that prisoners who participated in any form of learning activity were 9 percentage points less likely to reoffend compared to non-learners and 1.8 percentage points more likely to be in employment after release. MoJ is committed to delivering a transformed 'Prisoner Education Service' (PES) focused on work-based training and skills'.

The Prisoner Education Service (PES) programme is developing an innovative, integrated digital ecosystem that brings together a holistic prisoner view that informs planning, delivery and accountability. Effective Screening and Assessment (S&A) is at the core of this, ensuring that prisoner's education starting points and learning needs are identified from initial education induction, and inform their learner journey throughout their time in custody. This system should enable HMPPS to drive up standards, improve national consistency and outcomes across the estate, both in custody and in the community.

To enable and support HMPPS ambition and realise the strategic ambition for national education screening, we are procuring digital S&A tools for the Prison Education Service contracts. The scope of this procurement includes screening tools for English, Mathematics, Digital Skills, Reading, and Additional Learning Needs (ALN). Due to the importance of having a 'human element' in assessing reading ability. Reading assessments can be partly digital but must include interaction with screening and assessment delivery staff so that consideration can be made of reading accuracy, word

pronunciation, expressions of tone or intonation.

This tender is to procure three Tools, one for each of the following Lots:

Lot 1: English, Mathematics, and Digital Skills

Lot 2: Reading

Lot 3: Additional Learning Needs

The Tools must be compliant with the minimum viable product digital requirements as outlined in the specification in time for Service Commencement and must be capable of integrating with other services and sharing data using open standards.

The vision for the S&A Tools is to:

- Implement high-quality, accessible tools that accurately identify prisoner ability levels and indicate potential needs.
- Enable collaboration with the Authority and PES providers to ensure continuous improvement so that the S&A tools enable quality S&A delivery.
- Enable data reporting integration of the S&A tools into the Authority systems.
- Provide for the first time national consistent S&A tools across the PES estate to reduce duplication and improve data flow across the estate.
- Deliver the ambition for digital by default screening with contingencies to allow continued S&A delivery when access to digital tool/s is impacted.
- Ensure high quality S&A tool provider led training and ongoing support to PES core-education staff on the use of provider screening tools.
- Drive quality via output measured key performance indicators.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £9,333,331

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 3

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

All Lots or any combination of.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

English, Mathematics, and Digital Services

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48190000 - Educational software package
- 72212190 - Educational software development services
- 72212210 - Networking software development services
- 72212311 - Document management software development services
- 72212517 - IT software development services
- 72250000 - System and support services
- 72253000 - Helpdesk and support services
- 72260000 - Software-related services
- 72261000 - Software support services
- 72267000 - Software maintenance and repair services
- 72310000 - Data-processing services
- 75231200 - Services related to the detention or rehabilitation of criminals
- 75231230 - Prison services
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

- 80533000 - Computer-user familiarisation and training services
- 80533100 - Computer training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Public Prisons in England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Tool covers: English, Mathematics, and Digital Skills.

The English and Mathematics element of the Tool would accurately assess Prisoner's current skills and ability under the following outcomes:

* Pre-entry level

* Entry level 1

* Entry level 2

* Entry level 3

* Level 1

* Level 2 or higher

And the Digital Skills element of the Tool would accurately assess Prisoners' current skills and abilities in line with National Standards and provide an assessment of the Prisoner's everyday digital literacy skills and functional digital skills

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £2,625,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

84

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial contract term is 48 months plus option to renew for a further 36 months

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Reading

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48190000 - Educational software package
- 72212190 - Educational software development services
- 72212210 - Networking software development services
- 72212311 - Document management software development services

- 72212517 - IT software development services
- 72250000 - System and support services
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II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Public Prisons in England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Tool covers: Reading.

The tool will accurately identify gaps in a Prisoners' reading ability, covering comprehension, reading fluency and phonological awareness and would indicate a reading level/score and level of reading support required to progress their ability to read.

Reading assessments would include digital elements but must include interaction with and assessment outcomes determined by prison delivery staff.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £2,625,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Additional Learning Needs

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48190000 - Educational software package
- 72212190 - Educational software development services
- 72212210 - Networking software development services
- 72212311 - Document management software development services
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II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Public Prisons in England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Tool covers: Additional Learning Needs.

The ALN Tool must identify areas of potential ALN including:

- * Communication and Interaction needs;
- * Cognition and Learning needs;
- * Social, Emotional and Mental Health difficulties; and
- * Physical and/or Sensory Needs

The Tool will also:

- * identify strengths, contributing to the process of making reasonable adjustments.
- * Produce results that can inform and support processes of ALN support planning within a whole Prison approach including Prison inductions, Education, and the wider Prison regime.
- * Have been designed as an ALN Indicator Tool and not as a diagnostic tool (a diagnostic tool is designed to be administered and interpreted by suitably qualified psychology, learning disability, nursing or specialist education staff in order to reach a clear professional diagnosis).
- * Have been designed and developed with psychological and specialist educational input to ensure it covers a wide range of neurodivergent and other additional need(s).
- * Have been previously tested within a relevant further education and/or custodial environment comparable to the UK Prison system and be supported by research/reports which clearly demonstrate its validity and capability to deliver in a consistent and equitable manner. Contractors are expected to engage with the Authority in any additional validity testing requested.
- * Lead to the production of clear and detailed results and reports which:
 - * Can be understood by the Prisoner, Prison Staff and HMPPS staff.
 - * Clarify what the indicators of ALN are for the individual, including any areas of strength as well as areas of need.
 - * Clearly identify what practical strategies and reasonable adjustments can be put in place to support the individual both within education and more widely within the Prison regime and in community healthcare.

It is desirable for the tool to suggest where further specialist assessment may be needed, and indicate where further diagnostic assessment may be needed, by suitably qualified psychology, learning disability, nursing or specialist education staff.

The tool results are accessible to all staff who work with Prisoners across all departments within the Prison. The results must be available digitally, live, to the Authority and selected third parties.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £4,081,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

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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

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

4 September 2024

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

18 September 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

This notice is a Call for Competition

Tender submission deadline is 18th September 2024

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Ministry of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom