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Tender

Office for Students: Framework for the Assessment of Financial Risk and Transformation Planning at Higher Education Providers

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F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

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Main address

<https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Bristol:-Financial-management-consultancy-services./8F22W4EAR7>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-title/8F22W4EAR7>

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Office for Students: Framework for the Assessment of Financial Risk and Transformation Planning at Higher Education Providers

Reference number

PRN2113

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79412000 - Financial management consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The OfS is seeking to procure capacity to undertake financial risk and transformation planning assessments of HE providers. The objective is to evaluate the financial health and the management and governance capability of HE providers to ensure that the interests of students are safeguarded throughout any financial adjustments or transition, including potential market exits. Suppliers will be expected to deliver high quality evaluations that support the OfS in maintaining a robust and sustainable HE sector. Potential suppliers will be asked to set out an example roadmap and delivery plan for a case study as part of the framework tendering process. The OfS intends to award a framework of suppliers.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Main site or place of performance

Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

5. The OfS is seeking to procure capacity to undertake financial risk and transformation planning assessments of HE providers. The objective is to evaluate the financial health and the management and governance capability of HE providers to ensure that the interests of students are safeguarded throughout any financial adjustments or transition, including potential market exits. Suppliers will be expected to deliver high quality evaluations that support the OfS in maintaining a robust and sustainable HE sector. Potential suppliers will be asked to set out an example roadmap and delivery plan for a case study as part of the framework tendering process. The OfS intends to award a framework of suppliers

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: £4,000,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

12 month extension period

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.2.14) Additional information

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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

Framework agreement with several operators

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

Date

9 September 2024

Local time

10:00am

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

VI.3) Additional information

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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