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Contract

Research, Impact and Learning Framework

The Education and Training Foundation

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Charity

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Research, Impact and Learning Framework

Reference number

RIL FWK 22/23.01

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Framework Agreements have been awarded to establish a framework of excellent suppliers who can work with the Education and Training Foundation (ETF) to deliver high quality, responsive and innovative research, evaluation and learning outputs to support and fulfil evidence, insights and learning requirements.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £0.01

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Primary and secondary research

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

ENGLAND

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Framework Agreements have been awarded for Lot 2 of the Research, Impact and Learning Framework.

Projects undertaken by this Lot include primary research to help better understand the needs and challenges faced by the FE sector and its learners, and how - as a professional membership body – ETF can best support the sector. Developing evidence-based responses to policy and ensure that ETF workforce development programmes, and our SET membership offer, are responsive to the current and future needs and trends of the FE sector. Commitment to developing an evidence base in areas that have not yet received much attention and are important to our members and their learners.

Secondary research projects undertaken will be in areas of FE that ETF members and Trustee's prioritise, or in areas that are helpful in advancing our organisational strategy and providing new insights that inform and/or benefit the sector and its learners. For example, this might involve analysing existing primary data sources to help identify trends and differentials in FE sector funding, operations, performance, efficiency, effectiveness, and outcomes. Contractors will be required to be familiar with government and publicly available quantitative datasets (e.g. Ofsted reports) and be aware of other potential sources of primary data which could be utilised more effectively to address some of ETF's unanswered research questions.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Approach and methodology / Weighting: 30%

Quality criterion - Name: Quality assurance, risk & compliance / Weighting: 15%

Quality criterion - Name: Relevant Experience and Team / Weighting: 20%

Quality criterion - Name: Added value / Weighting: 3%

Quality criterion - Name: Communications, Recruitment and Dissemination / Weighting: 10%

Quality criterion - Name: Equity, Diversity and Sustainability / Weighting: 8%

Price - Weighting: 14%

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

Impact and process evaluation, including value for money

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

ENGLAND

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Framework Agreements have been awarded for Lot 3 of the Research, Impact and Learning Framework.

This Lot will enable the ETF to continue to demonstrate the impact of its CPD programmes and improve its impact practice. ETF has begun work on developing an organisational level theory of change (due to complete Autumn 2023) and have introduced programme level theories of change across our portfolio of activities. These inform both our programme design, delivery and evaluation and have been co-designed with ETF staff, our delivery partners, stakeholder representatives and, where applicable, our funder(s).

ETF will be using these programme theories of change to develop and introduce a systematic and consistent monitoring, evaluation, and learning (MEL) framework for all programme activity and professional membership activities. With the help and support of highly experienced and trusted evaluation and learning partners, our ambitions for the future are to co-design, with our FE sector partners and members, an impact evaluation approach that will enable us to evidence both our contribution and our attribution to achieving ETF's intended long term outcomes and impact goals.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Approach and methodology / Weighting: 30%

Quality criterion - Name: Quality assurance, risk and compliance / Weighting: 15%

Quality criterion - Name: Relevant Experience and Team / Weighting: 20%

Quality criterion - Name: Added value / Weighting: 3%

Quality criterion - Name: Communications, Recruitment and Dissemination / Weighting: 10%

Quality criterion - Name: Equity, Diversity and Sustainability / Weighting: 8%

Price - Weighting: 14%

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

Social value assessment

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 73110000 - Research services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

ENGLAND

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

ETF sought services from contractors to:

- co-design an organisational social value measurement and reporting approach, that can be embedded as part of our new and developing MEL approach.
- co-design a set of standard social value tools and supporting resources for FE sector providers that can be utilised across our CPD and Professionalism portfolio.
- Recommend potential approaches and/ or activities that ETF could consider using to drive improvements in social value at both a corporate and sector (system) level.

In light of new intelligence into the requirements of the business around social value, it was decided this Lot should be withdrawn from the Framework.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Approach and methodology / Weighting: 30%

Quality criterion - Name: Quality assurance, risk & compliance / Weighting: 15%

Quality criterion - Name: Relevant Experience and Team / Weighting: 20%

Quality criterion - Name: Added value / Weighting: 3%

Quality criterion - Name: Communications, Recruitment and Dissemination / Weighting: 10%

Quality criterion - Name: Equity, Diversity and Sustainability / Weighting: 8%

Price - Weighting: 14%

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

Literature reviews and evidence synthesis

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

ENGLAND

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Framework agreements have been awarded for Lot 1 of the Research, Impact and Learning Framework.

Successful contractors will be invited to work with The Education and Training Foundation (ETF) in all types of literature or evidence reviews, co-designing a clear set of research questions for evaluation and learning.

The aims and objectives of any literature and/or evidence review will explore areas of interest to ETF, its members, and the wider research community. The reviews will be used to inform thought leadership and influencing activities, the future development of CPD programmes offered and programme design. The required output will be of publishable standard and the appropriate publication and dissemination approach will be agreed as part of the project initiation process for each call-off contract awarded.

For ETF research and evaluation projects, contractors awarded call-off contracts will be asked to undertake a rapid evidence review. This may involve reviewing relevant ETF documents and data, identifying a range of key literature (both published and grey literature) and undertaking a data mapping exercise to help ETF identify what is already known and understood about the topic/ subject area under investigation, before embarking on ETF's research and evaluation activity. Where appropriate, ETF and the framework contractor, will agree in advance whether the evidence review will be published separately from the final report.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Approach and methodology / Weighting: 30%

Quality criterion - Name: Quality assurance, risk & compliance / Weighting: 15%

Quality criterion - Name: Relevant Experience and Team / Weighting: 20%

Quality criterion - Name: Added value / Weighting: 3%

Quality criterion - Name: Communications, Recruitment and Dissemination / Weighting: 10%

Quality criterion - Name: Equality, Diversity and Sustainability / Weighting: 8%

Price - Weighting: 14%

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.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

Lot No

1

Title

Literature reviews and evidence synthesis

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 August 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 18

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 15

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 18

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 18

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

SQW

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Oxford

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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London

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+44 2070313511

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

RSM UK Consulting LLP

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Greater London

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NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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LE1 6LP

Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF21 - Leicester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Sheffield Hallam University, City Campus, Howard St,

Sheffield

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £0.01

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Primary and secondary research

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 August 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 17

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 14

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 17

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 17

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Country

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI31 - Camden and City of London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £0.01

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Impact and process evaluation, including value for money

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 August 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 16

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 13

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 16

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 16

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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United Kingdom

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- UKJ - South East (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKF21 - Leicester

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £0.01

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

4

Title

Social value assessment

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This Framework creates a list of quality contractors. There is no financial value attached to the initial Framework Agreement. Call-off contracts, or direct award where necessary, will be awarded for any projects that arise throughout the term of the Framework, whereby contractors on the applicable Lot will be notified of the value of each project.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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