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Star Academies ICT Delivery Partner

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F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/educationportal.aspx/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Star Academies ICT Delivery Partner

Reference number

2022/ICT/FTS

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72600000 - Computer support and consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Star Academies Trust (Star) is a Trust of 31 Academies, which are currently located across 5 regions. There are 10 Primary Schools, 20 Secondary Schools and 1 'All through' school. The Head Office is based in Blackburn. The Trust was initially established in 2010 and changed its name to Star Academies in 2018. The Trust runs a diverse network of primary and secondary schools. We are a values-based organisation committed to enhancing social mobility. All our efforts are geared towards raising the aspirations of children and young people in areas of social and economic deprivation to improve their life chances and help them succeed at the highest levels of education, employment and the professions. Star Academies is one of the countries leading education providers and for the last 2 years has claimed first place in the MAT performance tables. It also holds the top 3 positions nationally for the Governments headline Progress 8 measure. Additionally, 5 schools run by

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £45,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72900000 - Computer back-up and catalogue conversion services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 72110000 - Hardware selection consultancy services
- 72700000 - Computer network services
- 72800000 - Computer audit and testing services
- 30230000 - Computer-related equipment
- 72500000 - Computer-related services
- 80100000 - Primary education services
- 72400000 - Internet services
- 80200000 - Secondary education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Lancashire, Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, West Midlands and London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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- In school solutions
- ITSM tooling
- All hardware supply on a project and ad-hoc basis
- Maintenance of supplied equipment
- Project Management
- Programme Management
- Technical delivery
- Technical testing against the SND
- Training of school staff
- Equipment disposal
- Cabling
- Digital signage
- Audio visual
- Entry notification
- Asset tagging
- Software Connectivity
- Broadband connectivity for all sites
- Failover lines for all sites
- Firewall provision and management
- Filtering provision and management
- DSL reporting General
- ICT design with construction and design teams
- Asset review and ongoing management
- Due diligence on potential new schools
- Subcontractor and 3rd party management
- Ad-hoc in school technical support resource
- Innovation & ongoing input into SND
- Collective partnership (CSR) targets aligned to the Trust objectives

To be clear, what is not included initially:

- Ongoing support - although a local regional model will be required as part of the procurement process
- Project prioritisation

Bidders should note the following;

- The Trust will provide a standard contract as part of the ITT Pack
- There will NOT be an initial requirement for TUPE but the TUPE Schedules will be included in the contract pack as it is expected that TUPE will apply should the Trust choose to move forward with regional support going forward.

It is expected that the breakdown of the ICT spend will be indicatively as follows:

- 20% School ICT Solutions – (6% of which is AV)
- 10% Broadband/Connectivity
- 45% Hardware
- 10% Software
- 15% Support

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: £45,000,000

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

Duration in months

84

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 5

Maximum number: 10

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Stated in the SQ document found on the tender portal

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

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

IV.1.5) Information about negotiation

The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations

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

7 October 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 1 March 2023

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Star Academies Governing Body

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Country

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

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