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Planning

Trialling Framework 2022-25 - Market Engagement Event

Department for Education

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Trialling Framework 2022-25 - Market Engagement Event

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Standards and Testing Agency is wishing to establish a new framework for procuring trialling services for 3 years between June 2022 and June 2025.

Ahead of commencing any future procurement, we wish to engage with the market to outline our requirements and explain how potential bidders may ready themselves for any procurement process that may follow.

The publication of this notice does not signify the commencement of any procurement process and does not constitute any commitment by the Department of Education to undertake any procurement exercise.

In the event that the Department of Education might decide to commence any procurement process as contemplated by this notice, a separate notice will be published at the relevant time.

The DfE is keen to ensure that potential suppliers have as much notice as is possible about the services we wish to procure and this supports our agenda about encouraging engagement with Small and Medium Suppliers.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Standards and Testing Agency's remit is to develop and deliver statutory national curriculum tests for English Reading, English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS), Mathematics, Phonics and Reception Baseline Assessment for use in schools. The Agency is responsible for ensuring these tests are of the highest quality, accessible to all, inclusive and free from bias.

The Agency is wishing to establish a new framework for procuring the services of Trialing agencies for 3 years between June 2022 and June 2025.

Trialing is essential to STA's operating model of delivering brand new assessments and for adding to the bank of items for current assessments. Two types of trials are carried out:

1. Item validation trial (IVT)

An item validation trial (IVT) is a relatively small-scale trial providing evidence to support item development, for example, refining the wording of questions and developing coding frames.

2. Technical pre-test

The technical pre-test (TPT) is a larger scale trial and provides statistical evidence relating to items.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

6 December 2021

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: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This online early market engagement event for interested parties will be held on via Teams platform on 04/11/21 (1000hrs-1200hrs).

If you are interested in attending this early market engagement event, please respond to the question contained in the qualification envelope within the opportunity listing for the Early Supplier Engagement Event (ssq_172) - Trialing Framework 2022-25 - Expression of Interests) notification by 12:00 on 01/11 accessible via Jaggaer e-sourcing portal.

The link for Supplier registration and log in is:

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

Disclaimers and conditions:

The Department retains the right to not procure, and this early market engagement event is not binding. Any communication made between DfE and any party in connection with this requirement, shall not be relied upon as constituting a contract, agreement, or representation that any contract will necessarily be offered.

DfE reserves the right to change without notice any documents and communications, in whole or in part. Under no circumstances shall DfE incur any liability in respect of this supporting documentation and DfE will not reimburse any costs incurred by any parties in connection with their use of these communications nor in connection with participation at the Early Market Engagement event.

This early market engagement event is suitable for suppliers that have knowledge, capacity and capability and track record to meet the requirements when the competition is published.

The event will also provide an opportunity for potential bidders to ask questions regarding the draft requirements.

