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Contract

Emerging Skills Project in Electrification

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02b0dd

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

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

Emerging Skills Project in Electrification

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

‘Emerging Skills’ are defined as those related to ‘Emerging Technologies’ and necessary to exploit their application in industry as they become widespread. The technologies themselves may have existed for some time or be cutting-edge, but their diffusion into industry is at an early stage, with low take-up ahead of widescale adoption. Examples include industrial digitalisation technologies such as additive manufacturing, robotics, AI, electrification and advanced materials.

Following January’s Skills for Jobs White Paper, we launched the first Emerging Skills Project in partnership with the High Value Manufacturing Catapult and the Institutes of Technology. This project uses the Skills Value Chain approach to stimulate the adoption of cutting-edge skills in a given sector. The Skills Value Chain is made up of three core activities, delivered collaboratively in succession:

- Foresighting, an activity that forecasts emerging skills in a sector and identifies the gap in current provision and future need.

- Development of open license training content to meet the gaps identified in foresighting.

- Skills Diffusion, which consists of:

- o ‘Train the trainer’ days.

- o Provision of no-charge trainee days to upskill employees in the new emerging skills training content.

In addition to announcing the first Emerging Skills Project, the White Paper also explored whether this Skills Value Chain approach can be used in other emerging skills areas and to support Government priorities such as net zero. The focus for this second, net-zero project, is electrification. This project will provide some of the skills needed to deliver Point 4 of the Government’s ten-point plan for a Green Industrial Revolution – accelerating the shift to zero emission vehicles

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,300,404

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This procurement exercise is to put in place a contract to deliver the second two activities of

the Skills Value Chain.

The first activity, foresighting, will be delivered under a separate agreement.

The services required are:

1. Development of short courses to meet emerging skills needs in electrification using the outputs from foresighting conducted in the Summer 2021.
2. Training and other necessary support of teaching staff in chosen providers to teach the courses developed at (1) through 'train the trainer' training days.
3. Delivery of courses developed at (1) to learner through the upskilling days for employees in the sector.

As the Skills Value Chain requires collaboration between organisations, we would expect bids to demonstrate collaborative working.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 July 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The High Value Manufacturing Catapult

The Regus Building, Blythe Valley Business Park, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands, B90 8AG

Solihull

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,300,404

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom