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Contract

Strengthening the Supported Internships Programme

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

Sanctuary Buildings, 20, Great Smith Street

London

SW1P 3BT

Email

sendbaea.commercial@education.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

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

Strengthening the Supported Internships Programme

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75121000 - Administrative educational services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Supported Internships (SIs) are a work-based study programme for 16-24 year olds with SEND who have an

Education Health and Care plan, who want to move into employment and who need extra support to do so. SIs

are designed to equip young people with the skills they need to secure and sustain employment through

learning in the workplace.

The DfE wants to build the capacity of the SI programme and are aiming to double the number of SIs from

c.2,250 internship enrolments per annum to c.4,500 per annum by 2025.

We are commissioning two contracts to deliver services to meet these aims.

Lot 1 'Strengthening the Supported Internships Programme'

Lot 2 'Delivery of Job Coach training'

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: £5,766,991.54

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Strengthening the Supported Internships Programme

Lot No

Lot 1

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

Activity will include:

Support to Local Authorities to establish and develop SEND employment forums,
including administering and monitoring of section 14 grants

Engaging and supporting employers to offer high quality work placements

Establishing a sustainable process to improve the quality of Supported Internship
provision, using a Quality Assurance framework

Communication activity

Programme co-ordination

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Delivery of Job Coach training

Lot No

Lot 2

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

Delivery of accredited Job Coach training to support the programme.

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

Contract No

con_15248

Lot No

Lot 1

Title

Strengthening Supported Internships Programm

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 September 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

National Development Team for Inclusion

First Floor, 30-32 Westgate Buildings

Bath

BA1 1EF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £4,537,165.04

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

con_14712

Lot No

Lot 2

Title

Delivery of Job Coach Training

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 September 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Inclusive Trading Community Interest Company

Room 58, Aldershot Business Centre, Mandora House, Louise Margaret Road

Aldershot

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,229,827

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Both contracts have been awarded following the completion of an open procurement procedure. Contract terms will run until 31st March 2024, with a further optional 12 month extension available at the discretion of the Contracting Authority.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom