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Tender

Call for competition contract(s) to provide increased HGV driver training and licences to create a pipeline of 'road-ready' individuals to fill vacancies in the road haulage industry.

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Call for competition contract(s) to provide increased HGV driver training and licences to create a pipeline of 'road-ready' individuals to fill vacancies in the road haulage industry.

Reference number

Jaggaer Portal Ref: ITT_818

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

1. The Department for Education previously issued a Prior Information Notice (PIN) informing the market of its intention to carry out a procurement exercise to provide Skills Bootcamps to increase the delivery of HGV driver training and licences to create a pipeline of 'road-ready' individuals to fill vacancies in the road haulage industry.

The notices was published 27/09/2021 on: Find a tender Service, publication reference: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/024000-2021>. Contracts Finder publication reference: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/0dc45ba1-656b-412e-bb09-b48e1a34566e>

2. The purpose of this Notice is to inform the market of the Department for Education's intention to commence a call for competition and invite bid submissions through Invitation to Tender, from suitably qualified and experienced HGV Training Providers; awarding contractual agreements to one or more Economic Operators to facilitate HGV driver coverage. The awarded Economic Operators will work closely with the Department to provide Skills Bootcamps to increase the delivery of HGV driver training and licences to create a pipeline of 'road-ready' individuals to fill vacancies in the road haulage industry.

3. Skills Bootcamps aim to secure benefits for adults aged 19+ by giving them access to in-demand skills training and a guaranteed interview with a local employer. The aim is to enable the learner to secure a more sustainable job and higher wages over time. Employers benefit from filling skills shortage vacancies and so becoming more productive,

more quickly. Learning and evaluation from these initiatives will inform the development of the National Skills Fund (please click link).

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-skills-fund>

4. The Department for Education is seeking to increase the number of 'road ready' individuals to move into HGV driver positions. As a supplier you will engage with employers in the industry to secure interviews for your graduates and support them to perform well (or your own organisation in the case of employers training their own employees or training potential new recruits).

5. Suppliers must deliver the full process from recruitment of learners, through to the offer a job interview, and including, the entire training and licensing process required to become an HGV Driver.

a. HGV Bootcamps encompasses new drivers through to return to wheels or further development of existing drivers providing training for up to 5000 participants;

b. Contracts will be for delivery of Services relating to Skills Bootcamps in HGV Driving from December 2021 to 31 March 2022 for pathways D to I and 30th November 2022 for pathways A to C.

c. Contracts will include potential for extension beyond the initial contract period for a further 12 months, subject to the Department's financial settlement at the Spending Review, Supplier performance, future policy development and vacancy and training demand. Any contract extension is at the sole discretion of the Authority.

d. Variant bids should not be made and will not be accepted.

6. PLEASE NOTE: THE MAXIMUM VALUE THAT CAN BE AWARDED THROUGH CONTRACTS ARISING FROM THIS PROCUREMENT INCLUDING ALL POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS IS £34,000,000.00. EXTENSIONS WILL BE AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £34,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 80500000 - Training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

England only

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is an accelerated Open procedure utilising LTR provisions. Justification:

7. This procurement is subject to lighter regulation in accordance with, Section 74-76 of the PCR 2015 Regulations refers and as such is not subject to the full requirements of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The 'accelerated' procedure is in reference to the required delivery time scales.

8. The Authority is using an accelerated timetable under section 74-76 'LTR' for this procurement to increase at pace the quantity of HGV drivers to meet the increased demand of service pressures within supply chains caused by a variety of reasons including consequences from Covid-19 pandemic. Using an accelerated timetable for this procurement, will enable the Authority to award contracts to potential Contractors and commence respective training programmes, advertising training packages to general public and to start onboarding by November 2021 to tackle the sector challenges.

9. The Department is issuing the Invitation to Tender and full tender package via the Jaggaer portal <https://education.app.jaggaer.com> (please click link). No hard copy documents will be issued and all communications with the Authority (including submission of Tender responses) must be conducted via the e-Sourcing Portal.

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: £34,000,000

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

Start date

5 November 2021

End date

31 March 2022

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Contracts will include potential for extension beyond the initial contract period for a further 12 months, subject to the Department's financial settlement at the Spending Review, Supplier performance, future policy development and vacancy and training demand. Any contract extension is at the sole discretion of the Authority.

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

II.2.14) Additional information

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Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

Accelerated procedure

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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

Notice number: [2021/S 000-024000](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

22 October 2021

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

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

22 October 2021

Local time

12:01pm

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Department for Education, Commercial professionals, fully compliant with Public Contract Regulations 2015

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

Interested suppliers must ensure they are registered on the Jaggaer portal in order to participate in this procurement. Please ensure that the person who will be conducting the communications for your bid is the official contact in your Jaggaer registration.

All associated bidder questions and/or clarifications must be communicated through the Jaggaer E-Sourcing portal, adhering to Public Contracts Regulations 2015, section 18, transparency requirements

The publication of this notice does not constitute any commitment by the Department for Education to award funding and commits only to the call for competition and subsequent invitation to tender.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department For Education

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Country

United Kingdom