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Future opportunity

Water and Environment Worker (WEW) Apprenticeship training

Defra Network eTendering Portal

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Water and Environment Worker (WEW) Apprenticeship training

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Environment Agency is retendering the delivery of its Water Environment Worker

apprenticeship scheme.

We wish to engage, collaborate and work in partnership with suppliers who share our values and ambition to create a better place to work, where sustainability and equality, diversity and inclusion are at the heart of what we do and how we work.

We need to be bold, innovative and agile to enable us to effectively respond to the climate crisis and provide our teams with the skills they need to respond to incidents and maintain our assets. We need to adapt post-pandemic to embrace hybrid working and explore innovative ways of learning to support the diverse needs of our people as we work in new ways.

The Apprenticeship will be delivered to the apprenticeship standard Water environment worker / Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education

We require equality, diversity and inclusion to be embedded throughout with sustainable approaches to accommodate hybrid working.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £9,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79632000 - Personnel-training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Delivery must be National

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To equip our staff with the core skills they require to build confidence to carry out their roles in operating and maintaining Environment Agency assets and in responding to both environmental and flooding incidents. All training to be provided to meet the apprenticeship standard Water environment worker / Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education.

The standard requires apprentices to have mandatory qualifications. The contract will include the requirement to provide this mandatory training. This could be provided by the supplier or via a subcontracted supplier.

We expect to need to train 150-200 apprentices each per year, in the first 2 years of the contract, reducing to 100-120 apprentices per year in the following years.

We are keen to engage with new entrants to this apprenticeship and work collaboratively to look for innovative and sustainable ways to deliver the contract.

All interventions should enable staff to work inclusively with access to different learning approaches and Equality, diversity and inclusion requirements integrated throughout. The Environment Agency has a strategy to achieve net zero carbon by 2030 and we expect our suppliers to support us in this ambition and provide solutions to deliver whilst reducing carbon emissions.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

16 January 2023

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: No