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Tender

DfE - Disability Support Services 2022

Department for the Economy

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Economic and financial affairs

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

DfE - Disability Support Services 2022

Reference number

ID 3616166

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £9,286,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots

5

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

LOT 1 Cognition and Learning

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80210000 - Technical and vocational secondary education services
- 80211000 - Technical secondary education services
- 80212000 - Vocational secondary education services
- 80310000 - Youth education services
- 80330000 - Safety education services
- 80340000 - Special education services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 80520000 - Training facilities
- 80521000 - Training programme services
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- 80533200 - Computer courses
- 80540000 - Environmental training services
- 80550000 - Safety training services
- 80560000 - Health and first-aid training services
- 80561000 - Health training services
- 80570000 - Personal development training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £9,286,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement

Duration in months

19

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

LOT 2 Social, Behavioural, Emotional and Well-Being

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

LOT 3 Speech, Language and Communication Needs

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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LOT 4 Sensory

Lot No

4

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Lot No

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

The DSS Contractor must comply with and provide the Client with data or information as specified in the Contract Management/Monitoring Schedule as well as routine management reports on the programme as specified by the Client from time to time. As requested by the Client, the DSS Contractor may also be required to provide information in relation to particular service issues brought to the attention of the Minister or raised directly with the Client by an individual. In providing information to answer Ministerial or other cases, the DSS Contractor may have to liaise with members of its supply chain. If this is necessary the DSS Contractor must ensure that there is no delay in doing so and the target timescales are met.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

19 November 2021

Local time

3:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The Contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. A Contractor not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a Contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in Construction and Procurement Delivery (CPD) for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a certificate of unsatisfactory performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a certificate of unsatisfactory performance may result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for up to 3 years. The Department for the Economy (the Client) will have its own procedures in place to monitor and review each Contractor's performance. The Client will

use the outputs from these contract monitoring procedures to monitor and review the Contractor's performance.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement.

As above

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.