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Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Engagement Partner

Department for Education

F02: Contract 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

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.3) Communication

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

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/>

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/>

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

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Engagement Partner

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department for Education is looking appoint an Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Engagement Partner.

The EYFS engagement partner we are seeking, will provide continued essential support to the sector following the COVID-19 pandemic, and deliver relevant messaging and crucial information about the Early Years Education Recovery programme.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Early Years Foundation Stage Reform Implementation team from the Strategy, Quality and COVID-19 Response division, are seeking to continue their system of support to the Early Years (EY) sector.

As EY policy continues to develop and the Early Years Education recovery programme is rolled out, there is a clear need from the sector for support from the department as we deliver our key objectives and support with implementing the reforms into their second year.

Continuing to maintain consistent engagement is essential to ensure the reforms are implemented confidently and successfully. We know from sector feedback that for some the reforms have presented challenges, and it is vital that we still have a mechanism to engage with them, ensuring the aims of the reforms are realised.

The Foundation Years website also enables us to share guidance, information, and effective practice on potential forthcoming changes under consultation, such as those on staff to child ratios, supervision requirements while children are eating and potential changes to provide increased support for childminders.

We want to make sure that those helping to deliver the Department for Education policies are fully supported to do so with a long term, sustained commitment through an engagement contract.

The EYFS engagement partner we are seeking, will provide continued essential support to the sector following the COVID-19 pandemic, and deliver relevant messaging and crucial information about the Early Years Education Recovery programme.

As we now look to the future and recovery from COVID-19, it is more important than ever that we are able to continue to work with an engagement partner to support the sector by providing key information and timely communication regarding both EYFS policy / implementation and the COVID-19 recovery programme.

We anticipate the contract will be for an initial period of 12-month with an option to extend for up to 6 months.

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: £125,000

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

Start date

25 November 2022

End date

24 November 2023

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract will include an option to extend the contract for a period of up to 6 months following the initial term of 12 months.

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

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

Date

24 October 2022

Local time

9:00am

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

24 October 2022

Local time

9:05am

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department For Education

London

Country

United Kingdom