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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

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London

SW1P 3BT

#### **Email**

[eyfs.qualitypractice@education.gov.uk](mailto:eyfs.qualitypractice@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.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/>

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### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

### **I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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