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Planning

## **DHSC: ASC: development of Care Certificate, dementia, and digital skills qualifications**

Department of Health and Social Care

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Region code**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

DHSC: ASC: development of Care Certificate, dementia, and digital skills qualifications

Reference number

C96177

### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80511000 - Staff training services

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

The potential new requirement will be a key element of Government's reform of the adult social care workforce. These reforms form part of wider reforms to social care set out in the 'People at the Heart of Care' White Paper. The potential new requirement is to design four new qualifications that will form part of the Government's Learning and Development Offer to the adult social care workforce.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £550,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 80561000 - Health training services
- 80570000 - Personal development training services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Authority may require a Supplier or multiple Suppliers to develop new qualifications for the ASC Sector. The main output will be specifications that awarding bodies can work from in developing their own versions of qualifications. This requirement is currently at the

pre-tender stage, the purpose of which is to engage service providers providing an opportunity to: -

1. Get a clear understanding of what business outcomes the Authority requires and ask questions regarding the proposed scope of work.
2. Notify the market and encourage market participation in the pre-market engagement activities that will take place in the development of this project
3. Notify the market of the intended procurement route, to provide potential suppliers the opportunity to join the relevant CCS framework (CCS DPS RM6219 Learning and Training Services).

This requirement focuses on four new qualifications that we want to bring forward for the workforce:

- ? ? Care Certificate qualification - based on existing 15 standards at level 2
- ? Digital Skills - new level 3 award and level 5 awards based on the Digital Skills Framework
- ? Dementia qualification - based on tier 2 of the Dementia Training Standards Framework

A partner will develop specifications for the four qualifications above, working closely with the care sector and training and qualifications sectors.

Anticipated Timeline: ITT phase over October 2022. Contract awarded by end of November 2022. 'Handover' of framework specifications to awarding bodies by April 2023.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

A potential Supplier will need to work at pace to deliver qualification specifications by the start of the 2023/24 financial year. It is expected to be a 5 month project.

To Note: This notice is for Information only and the Authority reserves the right to not proceed to tender additionally reserves the right to discontinue the proposed tendering process and not to award the contract.

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

31 March 2022

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## **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: Yes

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

We are inviting interested parties to join future market engagement event. If you are interested in being contacted regarding a market engagement event please follow these steps:

1. Log in or Register through the supplier portal at <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>
2. Locate the opportunity using 'My Proposals and Quotes' or in 'Find Opportunities' C96177
3. Click Register Interest.

We intend to use CCS DPS RM6219 Learning and Training Services

The purpose of this PIN is therefore to alert the market of our intention and give you a broad indication of the opportunities which the Authority intends to offer in order to give interested suppliers the opportunity to:

- Register on the CCS DPS RM6219 Learning and Training Services.
- <https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/dps#learning>

Transparency: Potential suppliers should note that, in accordance with Government's policies on transparency, the Department intends to publish the Invitation to Tender (ITT) document, and the text of any Contract awarded, subject to possible redaction at the discretion of the Department. Further information on transparency can be found at: <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/content/transparencyoverview> . This notice is for information only, and the Department reserves the right to discontinue the proposed tendering process and not award the contract. The information contained in this notice, including information relating to the nature and scope of the Department's requirements, the service classification of this requirement or the list of CPV codes, is only indicative of the Department's current thinking and is neither exhaustive nor binding. The Department reserves the right at its absolute discretion to amend it at the time of issue of any further notices or at any other time. The publication of this notice in no way obliges the Department to commence with any competitive tender process. The Department is not and shall not be liable for any costs incurred by those expressing any interest in participating in the market consultation exercise advertised in this notice.