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Planning

Local Authority Childcare Sufficiency Support Contract

Department for Education

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Local Authority Childcare Sufficiency Support Contract

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to notify the market of the Department for Education's (DfE) intention to undertake a procurement exercise for a Local Authority Childcare Sufficiency Support Contract in Autumn 2022.

The DfE is seeking to procure expert professional services support (including peer support) for local authorities (LAs) to fulfil their statutory sufficiency duties. The proposed support will be delivered in the Financial Years 2022-25 and will relate to delivery of sufficient childcare and early education places for children aged 0-14, or up to 18, where applicable.

We require a supplier who can offer support to LAs in restoring or improving childcare sufficiency in their local areas through a mixed package of tailored support to diagnose sufficiency issues and assist LAs in implementing and embedding sustainable improvements. We envisage this would be delivered by:

1. Providing reactive support and challenge to LAs identified as failing (or at imminent risk of failing) in their duty to secure sufficient childcare for parents to work or participate in education or training, and for children eligible for the early education entitlements.
2. Providing proactive preventative and improvement support and challenge to LAs to facilitate the maintenance or improvement of local childcare sufficiency.
3. Where appropriate, assessing applications for, and administering discrete project funding of up to £20,000 per LA to support LAs in implementing recommendations made during the reactive or proactive support activity at 1 and 2 above.

4. Identifying, assessing and prioritising LAs with support and development needs that would be suitable for, and able to participate effectively in the preventative/improvement component of the support contract.

5. Evaluating support activity and funding outcomes.

6. Providing a project management function to coordinate the above support activity, and contract management activity required by the DfE.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £825,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Open procurement in accordance with Regulation 27 of PCR 2015. Potential suppliers will be assessed based on Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) principles against technical, social value and price criteria.

II.2.14) Additional information

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/a73ca294-a47f-401b-9c80-42c5a1db8376>

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 October 2022

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This Open procurement in accordance with Regulation 27 of PCR 2015 will be conducted electronically via Jaggaer e-tendering portal. No hard copy documents will be issued; all communications with DfE will be carried out via the portal.

Bidders will be required to register on Jaggaer portal:

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

For any assistance with the portal, bidders should contact the Jaggaer helpdesk:

help_UK@jaggaer.com

Please note that this PIN is not a call to competition and the DfE is not bound to enter into any procurement activity because of it. With procurement being dependant on ministerial priorities, funding for these Services is subject to change at DfE's absolute discretion.