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Contract

Co-ordinating and Delivering Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge for Schools

Department for Education

F20: Modification notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-027594

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-049662

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

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London

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/Department-for-Education>

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Co-ordinating and Delivering Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge for Schools

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79411000 - General management consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

This procurement invitation supports the Government's ambition of 3 000 000 apprenticeship starts being undertaken by 2020. The Department is looking to award contracts with up to 4 organisations to continue the delivery, on a regional basis, of the National Apprenticeships Service's (NAS) "Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge in Schools" (ASK) project. <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/about-ask/>). ASK is a high profile, established programme and there are currently 3 delivery partners delivering across England in 4 regions, the North, Midlands, London and the South.

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

End date

31 July 2022

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.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract

Notice number: [2018/S 222-508118](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

con_17081, con_17078, con_17077, con_17075

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

17 December 2018

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract/concession has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

WORKPAYS LIMITED

Mansfield

NG18 1EX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

THE EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT TRUST

Reading

RG1 4RU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

CXK

Ashford

TN23 1QN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

BL Training

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE11 1DE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £14,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This was a multi lot procurement, 4 individual contracts were awarded by region.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

This procurement invitation supports the Government's ambition of 3 000 000 apprenticeship starts being undertaken by 2020. The Department is looking to award contracts with up to 4 organisations to continue the delivery, on a regional basis, of the National Apprenticeships Service's (NAS) "Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge in Schools" (ASK) project. <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/about-ask/>). ASK is a high profile, established programme and there are currently 3 delivery partners delivering across England in 4 regions, the North, Midlands, London and the South.

The Department for Education is extending the Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge programme for an additional 1 year of delivery (academic year 2024-25). The Department has taken this action in response to ongoing reviews into careers services for young people following the John Holman Review and the response of the Education Select Committee.

There was a considerable risk to information, advice and guidance on apprenticeships and technical education not being available if the contracts had come to an end on 31 July 2024. As such in order to ensure that young people, their parents and teachers continue to have access to this support, we are extending the ASK programme for one more year, with a possibility of a further +1 year (academic year 2025-26) subject to funding. This ensures that this valuable service continues to be available to young people and their schools and colleges

VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

End date

31 July 2025

VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£18,938,858

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

BL Training

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE11 1DE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

CXK

Ashford

TN23 1QN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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Reading

RG1 4RU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

WORKPAYS LIMITED

Mansfield

NG18 1EX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

The Department for Education is extending the Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge programme for an additional 1 year of delivery (academic year 2024-25). The Department has taken this action in response to ongoing reviews into careers services for young people following the John Holman Review and the response of the Education Select Committee.

There was a considerable risk to information, advice and guidance on apprenticeships and technical education not being available if the contracts had come to an end on 31 July 2024. As such in order to ensure that young people, their parents and teachers continue to have access to this support, we are extending the ASK programme for one more year, with a possibility of a further +1 year (academic year 2025-26) subject to funding. This ensures that this valuable service continues to be available to young people and their schools and colleges

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractors to ensure continuity of service to the same high level of quality.

Current contractors have the structure, capacity and expertise to continue to deliver the service whilst the Department explores long-term proposals.

VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £16,000,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £18,938,858