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Planning

## **Early Years: accredited Level 3 training for Special Educational Needs Coordinators**

Department for Education

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02f351

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

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

Department for Education

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

### **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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Early Years: accredited Level 3 training for Special Educational Needs Coordinators

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

The purpose of this notice is to notify the market of forthcoming procurement activity relating to accredited Level 3 Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) training for group based early years providers and for childminders.

That is, those who are, or who will be, fulfilling the role of SENCO as described in paragraph 5.53 of the SEND Code of Practice.

#### **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 notice is associated with the EY Recovery Programme strand 5 Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) training: Invest in specialist SEND expertise by increasing the number of staff with an accredited Level 3 EY SENCO qualification, leading to better identification of SEND and better support for those children.

Further details can be found at:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/e7a7a398-393a-40c6-b586-1bf5dec6cf08>

An early engagement event will be held at 3pm on 10 November 2021. To register for the event, email:

[EarlyYearsEducator.QUALIFICATIONS@education.gov.uk](mailto:EarlyYearsEducator.QUALIFICATIONS@education.gov.uk)

Evidence suggests that the vast majority of group based providers and childminders have access to a designated SENCO. However, there is a need to scale up the provision of qualified SENCOs, especially in areas with higher levels of disadvantage.

Increasing the number of trained SENCOs will contribute to better SEND identification and support, at a time when the Covid 19 pandemic has significantly reduced opportunities to identify and address SEND amongst children not yet of compulsory school age.

We know that there are a number of organisations across England offering an accredited Level 3 EY SENCO qualification. We are seeking an opportunity to increase the number of training places available to group based staff and childminders.

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

13 December 2021

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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