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Invitation To Tender for Fosterlink Service: FOSTER CARER RECRUITMENT

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/procurement#jaggaer-the-dfe-etendering-portal>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/procurement#jaggaer-the-dfe-etendering-portal>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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

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Reference number

ITT_2565

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Department for Education is seeking to appoint a Contractor for the provision of Fosterlink Service - Foster Carer Recruitment.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £560,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79600000 - Recruitment services
- 85310000 - Social work services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Department for Education is looking for an organisation to develop, co-ordinate and manage Fosterlink a support service for Local Authority (LA) fostering service providers, which will offer in-depth diagnostic support specifically focused on their recruitment and approval practices, with the aim of providing bespoke recommendations for improvement, alongside building a strong evidence base on which to share good practice nationally.

The initial contract term will be 16 months. The contract is expected to commence on the 01 December 2023 and run until 31 March 2025. There will be an option to extend its term for an additional period of 12 months. The optional extension will be subject to supplier contract performance, the requirements of the Department, the outcomes of the upcoming Spending Review and the steers of the party in leadership following the General Election at the end of 2024.

The contract has an anticipated value of up to £700,000 (VAT inclusive)– for the initial term of 16 months.

Funding allocated to the period between 01/12/23 to 31/03/24 - £500,000 (VAT inclusive)

Funding allocated to the period between 01/04/24 to 31/03/25 - £200,000 (VAT inclusive)

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: £560,000

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

Duration in months

16

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

There is an option to extend the Initial Contract term (16 months) for an additional period of 12 months. The optional extension period is not guaranteed and will be at the absolute discretion of The Department. Any extension will be subject to the Departments approval process, availability of budget and current performance of the supplier.

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Potential bidders can access tender documents by registering with Jaggaer e - procurement portal and expressing their interest for ITT_2565 - Fosterlink Service - Foster Carer Recruitment .

Link to the procurement portal - Jaggaer -

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

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-020154](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

19 October 2023

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

19 October 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Place

UK

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice

Strand, London

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom