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## **Teacher Mentoring Programme in the Further Education Sector**

Department for Education

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

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

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

**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://education.app.jaggaer.com/.](https://education.app.jaggaer.com/)

**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

Teacher Mentoring Programme in the Further Education Sector

Reference number

proj\_7323

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The DfE has previously published its commitments to Further Education (FE) providers (which includes charitable FE providers and 6th Form College Corporations) in the Skills for Jobs: Lifelong Learning for Opportunity and Growth White Paper. The paper identifies a need to ensure all FE providers are well managed, governed and have the best quality teachers and lecturers. In doing so, we will ensure that post-16 further education students have access to world-class technical and vocational education, providing the skills both individuals and employers need for the future economy. The White Paper can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/skills-for-jobs-lifelong-learning-for-opportunity-and-growth>

In securing a supplier to design and deliver a professional development and training offer for mentors and participants within the FE, the key outcomes the DfE aim to achieve are: to offer additional support and training to FE practitioners that act as mentors for new and inexperienced teachers in the sector; to provide mentors with the skills to assist the wellbeing and mental health of newly appointed FE teachers, to support smooth transition between industries and help form positive teacher-retention practices; offer mentees access to a skilled mentor that can aid their professional and personal development to become excellent teachers.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,200,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 80500000 - Training services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

To design and deliver a professional development and training offer for mentors and participants within the FE, the key outcomes the DfE aim to achieve are: to offer additional support and training to FE practitioners that act as mentors for new and inexperienced teachers in the sector; to provide mentors with the skills to assist the wellbeing and mental health of newly appointed FE teachers, to support smooth transition between industries and help form positive teacher-retention practices; offer mentees access to a skilled mentor that can aid their professional and personal development to become excellent teachers.

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

Any supplier will also manage grant (pass-through) funding that participating providers can claim to support their engagement with the professional development programme and to improve mentoring support for early career teachers and their mentors. In addition, the Authority is seeking the provision of additional support and training for individuals who are involved in, or have responsibility for.

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

17 October 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**

Interested organisations should register on the DfE's e-procurement tool, Jaggaer. Please register for an account at <https://education.app.jaggaer.com/>, view the "current opportunities" page and search for: Project\_7323 and SSQ\_310.

All communications and documentation relating to this potential opportunity will be managed through that Jaggaer project. Interested organisation should note that all communications for a subsequent opportunity will be managed through the same Jaggaer project.

If the DfE chooses to conduct a competitive process, it is currently intended to publish the Opportunity Notice during week commencing 17 October.

The DfE intends to hold a market engagement webinar event at 13:00 on Thursday 20 October. If your organisation would be interested in attending the webinar, your organisation can express early interest via the Jaggaer message board in Project\_7323 and SSQ\_310.