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Planning

UK ENIC

Department for Education

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04027d

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

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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

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

UK ENIC

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This PIN is not a call to competition and is intended to alert suppliers to a potential procurement exercise to be run jointly by the Home Department and Department for Education and related market engagement activity. The market engagement will consist of three separate activities:

1. A Virtual Market Engagement Event (9th October 2023, 11AM-1PM)
2. One-to-One Market Engagement sessions with representatives of each procuring Department during the week commencing October 9th.

3. Completion of a short online survey

The overall aim of these engagements will be to:

- Provide the opportunity to engage with the market and assess market interest in delivering Home Department and Department for Education services; and
- Advise of potential next steps in the process; and
- Allow interested parties to ask questions about the services.

Supplier Questionnaire: A link to a supplier survey shall be provided in due course

Virtual Market Engagement Event:

Suppliers are invited to attend a Virtual Market Engagement Event on 9th October 2023, 11AM-1PM (max two per organisation). The virtual session will be run via Microsoft Teams. The virtual session will offer an introduction to UK ENIC, an overview of the service and a Q&A session.

To participate in our virtual supplier event and respond to the pre-event survey, please register for an account and view the "current opportunities" page in Jaggaer at: <https://education.app.jaggaer.com> . Search for "UK ENIC." All communications with DfE will be held via Jaggaer and you should use the messaging function to provide email addresses for attendees and your availability for 1-2-1 sessions (duration up to 2 hours) to be held during the week commencing October 9th.

A more detailed description of the services relating to this PIN can be found as attached documents within the JAGGAER system.

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The Secretary of State for the Home Department, acting through UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI), is the Authority procuring the UK Visa Recognition of Professional Qualifications verification service. This service will evaluate and assure evidence from

customers who hold International educational qualifications. The service will also check and assure International educational qualifications for equivalency to UK educational standards and levels, assuring the credibility and authenticity of the certificate and qualifications submitted

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £50,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

UK ENIC

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

UK Visa Recognition of Professional Qualifications verification service

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80400000 - Adult and other education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

29 January 2024

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