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Tender

Early Career Framework and National Professional Qualifications Framework 2022

Department for Education

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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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

Early Career Framework and National Professional Qualifications Framework 2022

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department for Education (DfE) is seeking to appoint Providers to a national (England) multi-lot Framework Agreement relating to the National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) and Early Career Framework (ECF).

The procurement will be made up of 4 lots covering ECF and NPQ services:

- Lot 1 Early Career Framework – a single provider to design and deliver a Full Induction Programme for the national rollout of the ECF, as launched in 2021, from September 2022.
- Lot 2 reformed suite of NPQs – multiple providers to design and deliver the six reformed NPQs launched in 2021, from September 2022.
- Lot 3 NPQ for Early Years Leadership and NPQ for Leading Literacy - additional NPQs for the reformed suite – multiple providers to design and deliver the new, additional NPQs from September 2022.
- Lot 4 Future Services – to design and deliver new and additional Services, including additions to the suite of NPQs to strengthen leadership across the sector, improve capacity and support teacher development objectives.

Early Career Framework

The Department is fully funding the national roll-out of the ECF reforms from September 2021, giving all early career teachers access to a two-year package of structured training and support linked to the best available research evidence. Making sure new teachers receive

excellent support at the start of their careers and embedding the early career reforms nationwide are vital elements of the Department's education recovery strategy.

Procuring an additional ECF lead provider via Lot 1 will expand the choice of high-quality early career teacher training programmes available to schools in their local area and will ensure the market remains sustainable and resilient so future early career teachers will continue to be able to access this high-quality support.

National Professional Qualifications

Beyond the first few years of teaching, our priority is to help all teachers and school leaders to continuously develop their expertise throughout their careers so every child in every classroom in every school gets the best start in life. We have replaced the existing Middle Leadership National Professional Qualification (NPQ) with three new specialist NPQs to best address the broad range of responsibilities of current and aspiring middle leaders. The new suite of specialist NPQs (Lot 2), which will be available for teachers and leaders from November 2021, consist of NPQs in Leading Teaching, Leading Behaviour and Culture, and Leading Teacher Development. The suite of reformed NPQs also includes refreshed school leadership programmes covering the knowledge and skills that school leaders need for the future. The frameworks for these qualifications can be found at the link below.

As part of the Government's education recovery plan the Department have developed additional NPQs to ensure teachers and leaders have access to best possible training and support. These additional NPQs (Lot 3) consist of qualifications in Leading Early Years education and in Leading Literacy. In addition, we will continue to consult with sector representatives to ensure that the suite of NPQs remain responsive to the needs of teachers and leaders and have included a mechanism to launch further NPQs via Lot 4 of the Framework Agreement.

It is anticipated that Providers will deliver their service in partnership with other high-quality education training providers including the national network of Teaching School Hubs. Teaching School Hubs, along with other delivery partners, play a key role in the delivery of the ECF and NPQs.

Further information, including the ECF and NPQ service requirements, can be found within the tender documents available at <https://education.app.jaggaer.com/>

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

1 - Early Career Framework

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

Early Career Framework

A single provider to design and deliver a Full Induction Programme for the national rollout of the ECF, as launched in 2021, from September 2022.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

2 - reformed suite of NPQs

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

National Professional Qualifications

Multiple providers to design and deliver the six reformed NPQs launched in 2021, from September 2022.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

3 - NPQ for Early Years Leadership and NPQ for Leading Literacy

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

National Professional Qualifications

Multiple providers to design and deliver the new NPQs from September 2022.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

4 - Future Services

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

To design and deliver new and additional Future Services, including additions to the suite of NPQs, to strengthen leadership across the sector, improve capacity and support teacher development objectives.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

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

Date

20 December 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

20 December 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 apply to this procurement (the “Regulations”). The Authority is using the Open Procedure in accordance with Regulation 27 of the Regulations. Services of the nature of those covered by this procurement are designated as “Schedule 3” Services (the Social and Other Specific Services) under the Regulations and as such are not subject to the full requirements of the Regulations. The Authority is only bound by the application of the Regulations to the extent that they are applicable to Schedule 3 services. The procurement is covered by Regulations 74 to 76 (the Light Touch Regime).

Educational establishments that meet with the criteria listed below will be entitled (but not obliged) to access the framework at any time during the Contract Period.

Academy 16 to 19 sponsor led

Academy 16-19 converter

Academy alternative provision converter

Academy alternative provision sponsor led

Academy converter

Academy special converter

Academy special sponsor led

Academy sponsor led

City technology college

Community school

Community special school

Foundation school

Foundation special school

Free schools

Free schools 16 to 19

Free schools alternative provision

Free schools special

Further education

Local authority

Local authority nursery school

Non-maintained special school

Pupil referral unit

Secure units

Service children's education

Sixth form colleges/ sixth form centres

Special post 16 institution

Studio schools

University technical college

Voluntary aided school

Voluntary controlled school

British schools overseas

Higher education institutions

Independent schools

Welsh establishment

Offshore schools

Other independent school

Other independent special school

Institution funded by other Government Department

Other international schools*

Further information, including the ECF and NPQ service requirements, can be found within the tender documents available at <https://education.app.jaggaer.com/>

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Court of Justices, The Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The DfE will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar days standstill period at the point that information on the award of the contracts is communicated to suppliers. Unsuccessful suppliers shall be informed by the contracting authority as soon as possible after the decision has been made. If an appeal regarding the award of the contract has not been successfully resolved, The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No 102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by the breach of the rules to take legal action. Any such action must be brought within the applicable limitation period. Where a contract has not been entered into, the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the DfE to amend any document and may award damages. If the contract has been entered into the Court may, depending on the circumstances, award damages, make a declaration of ineffectiveness, order the DfE to pay a fine, and/or order that the duration of the contract is shortened. The purpose of the standstill period referred to above is to allow the parties to apply to the Courts to set aside the award decision before the contract is entered into.