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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>

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/web/login.html>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

- The Accelerator Fund (AF) is a government funded initiative which seeks to support and encourage schools to access well-evidenced Programmes, predominantly focused on literacy and numeracy, by growing a pipeline of Programmes with a view to scaling-up those that demonstrate a good evidence base. A small number of these Programmes will be focused on science education (no more than 10%). The AF aims to ensure there is a quality supply of Programmes that can be accessed confidently and easily by schools and to spark a behavioural change in how schools spend their Pupil Premium Funding. For the purpose of this document, “schools” includes early years and post-16 education settings, but most Programmes are for primary and secondary schools.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The key objectives of the AF are to:

A. Increase the pipeline of evidence-based Programmes by investing in: practices that fill key evidence gaps, which are not yet formed into a ‘Programme’, and developing those into Programmes, with the support of schools; testing the feasibility of Programmes’ delivery models to identify potential benefits and move to the next stage of the pipeline; and Efficacy Trials to evaluate the impact of existing Programmes on pupil attainment (“Objective A”).

B. Scale-up existing Programmes by: generating more evidence of their impact at a larger scale through Effectiveness Trials; offering grants to subsidise the cost to schools to encourage take up; providing direct grants to support Programme development for scale; and providing market and capability building support (“Objective B”).

C. Support schools to choose evidence-based Programmes, focused on school engagement and supporting schools to make informed decisions about what Programme or trial opportunities they might take part in (“Objective C”).

This contract opportunity focuses on providing market and capability building support for 3 Academic Years (AY 2022/23- AY 2024/25) to Programmes that have shown promising evidence of impact on pupil attainment, as outlined in Objective B above.

The Supplier will support promising Programmes to grow their reach to schools sustainably, while maintaining quality. The Supplier will be the main deliverer of capability building support to Programmes but may sub-contract other organisations to provide specific expertise to Programmes, if required.

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

Start date

2 January 2023

End date

1 September 2025

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

11 November 2022

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

11 November 2022

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom