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Planning

School Leaders' Mental Health and Wellbeing Support Package 2024/2027

Department for Education

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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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

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/>

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

School Leaders' Mental Health and Wellbeing Support Package 2024/2027

Reference number

8434

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85312320 - Counselling services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

THIS IS AN INVITATION TO AN EARLY MARKET ENGAGEMENT EVENT

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice is to inform the market about a forthcoming market engagement event related to an upcoming procurement of a mental health and wellbeing support package for school and college leaders.

The Department will be undertaking an online event at 1pm on 11 October 2023 for interested parties. The event is anticipated to last no more than 1 hour. The event will give interested parties an understanding of the aims of the procurement and an opportunity to ask questions about the service. To participate in this market engagement event please register your interest in the opportunity via DfE's e-Tendering portal – Jaggaer:

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

Once your organisation has expressed their interest in the opportunity, event details and joining instructions will be issued via Jaggaer. The procurement is expected to commence in early November 2023 with a contract awarded by April 2024. More information on the procurement process will be provided for the following market engagement activity.

This notice is for information only and is not a call for competition. The Department reserves the right not to enter into a formal procurement process and not award a contract. Accordingly, the Authority will not be liable for any bid cost, expenditure, work, or effort incurred by a provider in acting on the basis of this PIN. Attendance at the market engagement event is not a pre-requisite for being able to submit a tender against this opportunity. All future engagements regarding this opportunity will take place via Jaggaer and be advertised on Contracts Finder and Find a Tender Service. All information included in this notice is indicative and subject to change..

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80320000 - Medical education services
- 85312300 - Guidance and counselling services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

It is the Department for Education's (DfE) intention to undertake a procurement exercise to appoint a suitably experienced organisation to deliver this provision from Spring 2024. In November 2021, a contract was set up to provide professional supervision, peer support and counselling to school leaders. The current contract ends in March 2024, therefore, the Department is now assessing the next phase of this provision, which builds on the evidence from the current contract and aims to offer tailored wellbeing support to school and college leaders, as part of the Department's ongoing support for school and college leaders in need of support.

II.2.14) Additional information

The total potential contract value is £3,000,000. however, the initial contract value at the point of award will be set at a maximum of £1,500,000 with opportunities to increase contract targets/value where annual budgets and demand allow.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

11 October 2023

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