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Tender

T Level Ambassador Network (TAN) Regional Strategic Co-ordination Service

Department for Education

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Scope

Description

The Department for Education (DfE) seeks a single supplier to support and maintain the transition of the T Level Ambassador Network (TAN) from a single tier national network to a national network with a regional substructure. This will be a contract for an initial 2 years with the possibility to extend for a further 1 year.

TAN currently comprises over 900 volunteer ambassadors from employers, providers, students, and other stakeholders who promote T Levels.

The purpose of the contracted service is to enhance the impact and reach of the TAN by establishing and managing three regional sub-networks (North, Midlands, South), while maintaining national consistency and strategic alignment.

Summary of key requirements:

- Introduce and embed the regional substructure in collaboration with DfE and TAN leadership.
- Develop and deliver tailored operational plans for each region.

- Coordinate and support ambassador activity to increase reach and effectiveness.
- Strengthen regional employer engagement and address local skills needs.
- Ensure regional activities align with national goals and foster sustainable local partnerships.

To bid and for full details of the Opportunity, please go to the Department for Education's eSourcing Portal, Jaggaer under project_9735

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

We also invite interested suppliers to register and attend a virtual bidder engagement event held on Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 4 June 2025, to help clarify the requirements and procurement process. Please follow this link to register your attendance: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e1efe189-37b5-45fb-8bad-a9bd2811cb7e@fad277c9-c60a-4da1-b5f3-b3b8b34a82f9>

The DfE is keen to maximise opportunities to participate in procurement for Small to Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprises (VCSEs). Consideration will also be given to consortia and collaborative bids from all forms of organisations.

Total value (estimated)

- £250,000 excluding VAT
- £300,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2027
- Possible extension to 31 August 2028
- 3 years

Description of possible extension:

Subject to performance of service and Departmental requirements review

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Justification for not using lots

In accordance with procurement best practices and the principles of proportionality and efficiency, the decision was made not to divide this contract into lots. This approach was based on the following key considerations:

Relatively Low Contract Value

The overall value of the contract was assessed to be relatively low. Dividing such a

contract into multiple lots would not have delivered significant economic or operational benefits and could have introduced unnecessary complexity into the procurement process.

Limited Contract Management Resources

The DfE currently operates with limited internal resources for contract management of this service. Managing multiple lots would have required additional oversight, monitoring, and administrative effort, which would not have been proportionate to the scale or value of the contract.

Market Interest in a Single Contract

Early market engagement and supplier feedback indicated a clear preference and capability among potential bidders to deliver the full scope of the contract as a whole. There was no strong indication that dividing the contract into lots would enhance competition or improve value for money.

Given these factors, the decision to proceed with a single-lot procurement was deemed to be the most efficient and effective approach, ensuring a streamlined process while maintaining value for money and compliance with procurement regulations.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

13 June 2025, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

27 June 2025, 10:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

Go to project_9735 or ITT_3466 and submit bid responses via the Portal

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

6 August 2025

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 June 2028

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Delivery solution	Quality	30%
Pricing Schedule	Price	20%
Capacity and resourcing	Quality	10%
Recruitment	Quality	10%
Project Delivery, Contract Management, and Quality of Output	Quality	10%
Experience of working with employers, intermediary organisations, providers, and students	Quality	10%
Social Value: Tackling Economic Inequality	Quality	10%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Department for Education

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDZG-3487-DPVD

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