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Contract

## **Financial impact modelling support**

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-037730

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Department for Education

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London

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#### **Email**

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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.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Education

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### **Section II: Object**

#### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

##### **II.1.1) Title**

Financial impact modelling support

##### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 75100000 - Administration services

##### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

##### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Children and Families Act (2014) introduced a 26-week target for all care proceeding cases to be concluded. Data from 20212 shows the average duration of a care or supervision case was 45 weeks, only 23% of cases were disposed of within 26 weeks.

The inability to resolve cases under PLO within or close to the statutory timeframe of 26 weeks, poses significant problems for the system as a whole in ensuring vulnerable children and families receive appropriate decisions in a timely manner.

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DfE would like a provider to support LAs to use this tool, so that LAs can see where their inefficiencies are and take actions to reduce delays and make financial savings. The route to market was a direct award from the CCS Management Consultancy Framework.

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £665,380

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 75100000 - Administration services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 40

#### **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

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## **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 188-490415](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

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### **Title**

Financial impact modelling support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 October 2022

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Mutual Ventures Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £665,380

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom