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Planning

Market Engagement for Mandatory Qualifications for Sensory Impairment (MQSI) Providers

Department for Education

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Market Engagement for Mandatory Qualifications for Sensory Impairment (MQSI) Providers

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

It is a legal requirement for teachers of classes of pupils with sensory impairments to hold a mandatory qualification in sensory impairment (MQSI). This is a masters level course typically taken part-time over two years.

This Prior Information Notice is regarding a market engagement event around proposals for the approval of providers of MQSIs as detailed below.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services
- 803000000 - Higher education services
- 803400000 - Special education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

MQSI Approvals:

We intend to develop a new commercial approval process to determine providers of QSIs from the start of academic year 2023/2024.

What we want from QSIs:

- To ensure a supply of teachers of children with visual, hearing and multi-sensory impairment, including those providing support in mainstream schools.
- To ensure a high-quality, sustainable and resilient qualifications market that that supports high quality outcomes for children with sensory impairment.

We are seeking feedback in advance of developing a new approvals process, from Higher Education Providers and other organisations - with Taught Degree Awarding Powers that would be interested in offering these qualifications.

Details of a virtual pre-market engagement event will be given to all those who have registered. The Market Engagement Event will be during w/c 17 January 2022, with the specific date provided to all those that register interest.

To register, please email sendbaea.education@gov.uk with your details by 14th January 2022.

Questions will be shared with all those invited beforehand, please prepare a response to those questions that you are happy to discuss at the event itself. Please send any other questions you have prior to the event to: sendbaea.commercial@education.gov.uk by 4th January 2022.

Your questions and feedback will be used to help us identify the best commercial process to achieve the aim/objectives outlined above.

This notice does not constitute a call for competition to procure any services for the Department.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 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