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Contract

Engaging and re-engaging SMEs in the apprenticeship market

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

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

Engaging and re-engaging SMEs in the apprenticeship market

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department for Education (DfE) are seeking to procure outcome driven engagement plans from suppliers to increase levels of awareness of apprenticeship markets and benefits amongst Employers, and to stimulate and support the generation of new or renewed participation in Apprenticeships starts within the Small and Medium Sized Employer (SME) landscape.

This focus on SMEs and the new starts created will increase the economic value of skills being supplied by the post 16 system, these improved skills will lead to increased productivity, social mobility and will support economic recovery.

Option to extend for a third year is included within the contract subject to affordability and government priorities.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £2,250,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

LOT 1 Merseyside & Northwest Lancashire

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for a third year is included within the contract subject to affordability and government priorities.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

LOT 2: Greater Manchester & East Lancashire

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

LOT 3: The North East

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for a third year is included within the contract subject to affordability and government priorities.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

LOT 4: Yorkshire

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for a third year is included within the contract subject to affordability and government priorities

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

LOT 5: Humber

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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productivity, social mobility and will support economic recovery.

Contract not accepted for Lot 5

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Contract not accepted for Lot 5

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

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CON_16539

Lot No

Lot 1 Merseyside & Northwest Lancashire

Title

Engaging the SME Apprenticeship Market Contract for Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 October 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 8

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Institute for Public Policy Research

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: £416,250

Total value of the contract/lot: £266,250

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CON_16540

Lot No

Lot 2 Greater Manchester & East Lancashire

Title

Engaging the SME Apprenticeship Market Contract for Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 October 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 11

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 8

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Greater Manchester Learning Provider Network

Manchester

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: £450,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £300,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CON_16541

Lot No

Lot 3 The North East

Title

Engaging the SME Apprenticeship Market Contract for Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 October 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 10

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

New College Durham

Durham City

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £438,750

Total value of the contract/lot: £292,500

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CON_16542

Lot No

LOT 4 Yorkshire

Title

Engaging the SME Apprenticeship Market Contract for Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 October 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 12

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 8

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

West Yorkshire Learning Providers Ltd

Bradford

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: £450,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £300,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

LOT 5 Humber: Contract not accepted by successful tenderer

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court Royal Court of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom