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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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#### **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**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**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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Price

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Options: Yes

Description of options

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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

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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 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

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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: [2022/S 000-015109](#)



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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

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**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

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## **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

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**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

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court Royal Court of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom