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T Levels Wave 5 Marketing

INSTITUTE FOR APPRENTICESHIPS & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

F24: Concession notice

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

INSTITUTE FOR APPRENTICESHIPS & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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LONDON

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI32 - Westminster

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Login>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Applications or, where applicable, tenders must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Login>

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

T Levels Wave 5 Marketing

Reference number

DN635914

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

CALL FOR COMPETITION. T Levels are creating a new programme of Technical Education that introduces a high quality technical option to sit alongside the existing academic options for students aged 16 to 19. In line with Sainsbury Report recommendations, each T Level is being delivered by a single body or consortium under an "exclusive licence", awarded for a fixed time period following open competition. The purpose of this procurement will be to select and appoint an Awarding Organisation (AO) to be responsible for developing and delivering the new Marketing T Level qualification, under an exclusive licensing approach. The expected scope of the role of the AO is that it would be responsible for:

designing the content of the qualification;

upskilling providers (further education schools and colleges);

providing of learning and teaching materials;

updating content; and

delivering qualification assessment

IfATE will be the contracting authority, subject to commencement of the relevant provisions of the Technical and Further Education Act 2017.

This procurement is for one contract.

See the information and the procurement documents for further details of the contract and services to be delivered.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £9,790,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This concession is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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This procurement process is being run by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education. For the purpose of this notice the Authority means the Institute. The Authority administers procurement electronically via the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education e-Sourcing Portal. No hard copy documents will be issued and all communications with the Authority (including submission of Tender responses) must be conducted via the e-Sourcing Portal. The Portal can be accessed via your web browser (<https://procontract.due-north.com/Login>).

To ensure all communication relating to this procurement is received, potential suppliers must ensure that the point of contact nominated in the e-Sourcing Portal is accurate at all times. Access to the Portal is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year and anywhere in the world via the internet unless notified otherwise by the Portal.

This procurement is being conducted under Directive 2014/23/EU and the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016 (Directive and Regulations respectively). As the services which are the subject of the procurement fall within Annex IV of the Directive and Schedule 3 of the Regulations, the Procurement is subject to lighter regulation in accordance with Article 19 and Regulation 19. Accordingly, whilst the Authority intends to conduct this procurement as a form of open procedure, it shall only be bound by those obligations referred to in Article 19 and Regulation 19.

The estimated total contract values outlined above are based on delivery of the services in respect of five cohorts together with optional contract extensions of one plus another additional cohort. Any contract extension is at the sole discretion of the Authority.

Variant bids should not be made and will not be accepted.

The publication of this notice does not constitute a commitment by the Authority to award any contract or contracts as a result of this procurement process.

This T Levels Wave 5 procurement will comprise of two stages. The Selection Questionnaire will need to be completed as part of stage 1, and the SQ Response as defined in the procurement documents must be submitted through the e-Sourcing Portal by 23:59 on 14/11/2022. Those potential suppliers that pass the Selection Questionnaire stage will progress on to stage 2 Technical and Price Evaluation. Tender(s) as defined in the procurement documents must be submitted by those potential suppliers through the e-Sourcing Portal by 23:59 on 21/02/2023.

Following Contract award (anticipated to be in August 2023), the appointed Supplier will have a period to develop the Technical Qualification (TQ) and to prepare Providers in readiness for teaching the TQ from September 2024, for T Levels to be taught from September 2025.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Concession is awarded on the basis of the criteria stated in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the concession

Duration in months

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for submission of applications or receipt of tenders

Date

14 November 2022

Local time

11:59pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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London

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

In accordance with Part 5 of the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016 (Regulations). Prior to entering in to any contract(s) as a result of this procurement the authority will issue to each relevant economic operator a standstill letter containing the information required under Regulation 47 of the Regulations and will observe the minimum time period required under Regulation 48. Part 5 of the Regulations sets out the statutory framework relating to actions for review, and the remedies available to economic operators.