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## **Invitation to Tender for Free Schools Support Service**

Department for Education

F02: Contract notice

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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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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/procurement#jaggaer-the-dfe-etendering-portal>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/procurement#jaggaer-the-dfe-etendering-portal>

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**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**

Invitation to Tender for Free Schools Support Service

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

- 80000000 - Education and training services

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

Services

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

The Department for Education wishes to appoint a contractor for the provision of Free Schools Support Service.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,485,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The Department for Education wishes to appoint a contractor for the provision of the Free Schools Support Service.

The Free School Programme remains a key part of this government's plan to level up standards and respond where there is a need for more high-quality school places. The programme has delivered hundreds of new schools and provided thousands of good new school places across the country.

The contract is being tendered on the basis of a single round of mainstream approvals in 2022-23, though providers' bids should demonstrate how their proposals could be scalable to deliver further rounds. Bids should also demonstrate how lead generation activity will be responsive to the criteria set by the department for assessing free school applications within an approval round, taking account of demographic needs and the government's priority to raise education standards across the country.

The contract will run for an initial period of two years from March 2022 to March 2024 with the provision to extend for a further year.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

31 March 2022

End date

30 March 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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

## **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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

18 January 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

18 January 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom