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Contract

Family Group Decision Making - Best Practice Guides

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

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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

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

Family Group Decision Making - Best Practice Guides

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The services relate to the Department's aim to procure the development of a package of best practice guidance for local authorities (LAs) to implement their new legal duty to offer family group decision making (FGDM) to all parents (or those with parental responsibility) of children whose cases have reached the pre-proceedings stage, unless the offer is not in the child's best interest. Although this is being primarily produced to offer guidance to support LAs in relation to the new duty at the time it comes into force, it will also offer general best practice guidance on FGDM that is applicable to meetings that happen at other points in the children's social care system (e.g. at earlier points in the system, such as during family help, or later, such as reunification).

The contract has been awarded to Mutual Ventures Ltd.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £295,890

II.2) Description

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60%

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10%

Quality criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 30%

Price - Weighting: 30%

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

con_27689

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 June 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Mutual Ventures Ltd

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)

Total value of the contract/lot: £295,890

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Department for Education

London

Country

United Kingdom