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Planning

Planning and Delivery Support for Providers of T Levels, including the T Level Transition Programme and Industry Placements

Department for Education

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

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

Planning and Delivery Support for Providers of T Levels, including the T Level Transition Programme and Industry Placements

Reference number

project_7254

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80210000 - Technical and vocational secondary education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This PIN is for the purpose of initiating the direct engagement with the market with regards to the supply of a support package for providers of T Levels, including the T Level Transition Programme (TLTP) and Industry Placements.

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We will be holding a virtual supplier event on 29th November 2022. Please see below for details.

Background:

T Levels are 2-year technical qualifications launched in September 2020. They are taken after GCSEs and are broadly equivalent in size to three A Levels. They have been developed in collaboration with employers and education providers and combine classroom-based learning with a substantial industry placement. T Levels provide an opportunity for learners to gain the knowledge and skills they need to enter university, higher apprenticeships, or skilled employment. The first cohort graduated in August 2022 with a pass rate of 92%.

The rollout of T Levels has been gradual to ensure the quality of the programme, but from September 2023 we expect that more than 350 providers will be delivering T Levels, with 23 T Levels available. Alongside the development of T Levels, we have rolled out the T Level Transition Programme (TLTP), which provides a high-quality route onto T Levels for students who would benefit from the additional time and preparation before embarking on their preferred T Level.

The delivery of the support package will begin in September 2023. The contract will cover support until 31 August 2025, with the possibility of 2 x 1-year extensions to 31 August 2026 and 31 August 2027 respectively.

The Department will continue to monitor interest in T Levels and update assumptions on volumes (including number of eligible providers).

Required services:

The purpose of the support package is to ensure that providers of T Levels and TLTP are able to deliver high quality programmes, including sourcing suitable T Level Industry Placements and TLTP work experience for each learner. The package includes 3 strands of support. Each will be let as a separate lot:

Lot 1: Support with planning and delivering T Levels, including:

- provision of long-term support structures, including high-quality guidance resources and peer networks
- a point of contact for each provider
- development and delivery of events
- industry placements support
- monitoring of and reporting on providers' progress, including industry placement sourcing

Lot 2: Support with industry placement employment engagement strategies, including:

- development of effective employer engagement strategy toolkits
- guidance on implementing successful employer engagement strategies
- direct hands-on support to embed engagement strategies using the toolkits

Lot 3: Support with planning and delivering TLTP, including:

- provision of long-term support structures, including high-quality guidance resources and peer networks
- regular contact for each provider preparing and delivering TLTP for the first time, and an ad hoc support facility for all providers
- development and delivery of events
- monitoring of and reporting on providers' progress

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £6,700,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1: Support with planning and delivering T Levels

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80211000 - Technical secondary education services
- 80212000 - Vocational secondary education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1: Support with planning and delivering T Levels, including:

- provision of long-term support structures, including high-quality guidance resources and peer networks
- a point of contact for each provider
- development and delivery of events

- industry placements support
- monitoring of and reporting on providers' progress, including industry placement sourcing

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2: Support with industry placement employment engagement strategies

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80211000 - Technical secondary education services
- 80212000 - Vocational secondary education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2: Support with industry placement employment engagement strategies, including:

- development of effective employer engagement strategy toolkits
- guidance on implementing successful employer engagement strategies
- direct hands-on support to embed engagement strategies using the toolkits

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3: Support with planning and delivering T Level Transition Programme

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80211000 - Technical secondary education services
- 80212000 - Vocational secondary education services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 3: Support with planning and delivering T Level Transition Programme, including:

- provision of long-term support structures, including high-quality guidance resources and peer networks
- regular contact for each provider preparing and delivering TLTP for the first time, and an ad hoc support facility for all providers
- development and delivery of events
- monitoring of and reporting on providers' progress

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

5 December 2022

Section IV. Procedure
IV.1) Description**IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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We will be holding a virtual supplier event on 29th November 2022, 09:00-10:30, via Microsoft Teams. The purpose of the event is to give you more information about our expectations for each of the three lots in this contract and give you the opportunity to ask questions. The Department would encourage the attendance of interested suppliers at the market engagement event as we are keen to speak to as many organisations as possible.

All communication and information will be released through Jaggaer. All information from the day, including Q&A, will be made available via Jaggaer to those who are unable to attend.

Please register for Jaggaer using the URL link below:

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

Once registered, the supplier event area can be accessed by clicking “View Opportunities” on the main page. Event joining instructions will be issued following an expression of interest via the Messaging function. Please register no later than 24 hours before the event commences. The Jaggaer reference is ssq_323.

Suppliers wishing to do business with us should understand our expectation that they support and endorse our commitment to Equality & Diversity and take positive steps in their own organisation to demonstrate this, in compliance to the Equality Act 2010.

T Levels website: <https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/>

Provider Support: <https://support.tlevels.gov.uk/hc/en-gb>

Employer Support: <https://employers.tlevels.gov.uk/hc/en-gb>

TLTP Framework for Delivery:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/t-level-transition-programme-framework-for-delivery-2022-to-2023>

T Level Action Plan:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/t-level-transition-programme-framework-for-delivery-2022-to-2023>

