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Planning

Schools Water Strategy - Grant Management Services Early Supplier Engagement Event

Department for Education

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Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sustainability-and-climate-change-strategy>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Schools Water Strategy - Grant Management Services Early Supplier Engagement Event

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Schools Water Strategy (SWS) is an invest to save service aimed at reducing the risk of flooding in schools.

The Schools Water Strategy is currently reviewing delivery options to provide flexibility around the number of Sustainable Drainage Systems grants that can be delivered per annum, and as a part of this are assessing the use of a 3rd party to provide Grant Management services.

Please review the previous notice issued on Contract Finder and Find a Tender for further details of the Schools Water Strategy and prior market engagement that has occurred.

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/99874fe2-0954-4c8f-a9ba-906c9994ea34>

Following on from the above, the Department for Education's SWS Team are hosting a Market Engagement event to further expand on our requirements and offer the opportunity for attendees to:

- Gain a better understanding of deliverables and assurance requirements
- Feedback around the feasibility of the requirements
- Provide opinions on risks and issues
- Discuss Market constraints and pressures that may affect suppliers' ability to deliver
- Gain a better understanding of Cabinet Office requirements around Modern Slavery and Social Value
- Discuss the proposed procurement route

We would like to invite organisations who have experience in delivering Government Grants, ideally who also have experience in the delivery of construction grants and / or working within a school environment to attend this event. Please note this event is only open to organisations who have the capability to manage and deliver Government Grants. If this is not a service your organisation delivers, then this event will not be suitable for you. If you have any questions about suitability for the event, please contact SuDS.Mailbox@education.gov.uk

If you are interested in this event, please submit the attached form to submit the details of the people who require an invitation and if applicable to submit any question topics to be addressed during the event. <https://forms.office.com/e/YUvG2n9hAa>

Please note this will be a virtual event via Microsoft Teams (a meeting invite will be shared with those who register, please ensure you are able to access Microsoft Teams prior to the event)

This notice does not constitute a call for competition to procure any services for the DfE. The procurement of any services will be carried out in accordance with the relevant Government Procurement Regulations. The purpose of this PIN is to inform of the Market Engagement event only and the event is solely to provide further information to the market and the DfE.

Any funding for the Sustainable Drainage Systems in Schools Grant Scheme relating to this Market Engagement Event is subject to approval in the 2025 Government Budget. If funding is not secured in the 2025 Budget, then the Market Engagement Event maybe amended or withdrawn and future activity relating to this will be reviewed accordingly.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services
- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services
- 75100000 - Administration services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79412000 - Financial management consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The aim of this notice is to gather further information around Grant Management services available in the market and provide details of the DfE's potential requirements.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 April 2025

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