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Planning

DFE Research Framework

Department for Education

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Scope

Description

The Department for Education (DfE) is procuring a new Standard framework, which will serve as the primary route to market for Research contracts valued between £100k and £2m. This framework aims to streamline procurement processes, enabling the department to better respond to priorities, and to foster stronger relationships and improved contract management with suppliers.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £48,000,000 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 October 2025 to 30 October 2029
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

18 July 2025

Engagement process description

The DfE shall be hosting two virtual events on Monday 7th July 2025 at 15:00 and Thursday 10th July at 15:00 to discuss our plans for a DfE Research framework and gain feedback from suppliers to help shape the framework and specification which will go out in early September.

If you are interested in attending one of these events, please email Catherine.doust@education.gov.uk by 12 noon on Friday 4th July 2025.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 September 2025

Contracting authority

Department for Education

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDZG-3487-DPVD

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