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Planning

## **Provision of the Secondary Transfer Test and Test Administration Services - Market Engagement**

THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

Walton Road

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#### **Contact**

Sue Walton

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

**Companies House**

08615758

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.thebucksgrammarschools.org/>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Educational testing services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Provision of the Secondary Transfer Test and Test Administration Services - Market Engagement

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

- 80100000 - Primary education services

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

Services

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

The Buckinghamshire Grammar Schools (TBGS) is a company set up by the 13 grammar schools in Buckinghamshire in order to commission, manage and administer the Buckinghamshire Secondary Transfer Test which is used to determine the suitability of children for a place at a Buckinghamshire grammar school.

The purpose of this notice is to notify the market of TBGS' intention to undertake pre-procurement market engagement prior to commencing procurement activity to appoint suitably qualified supplier(s) to deliver the required services.

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

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

The procurement is expected to be divided into two lots, Lot 1 Secondary Transfer Test Provision and Lot 2 Test Administration Services.

It is expected that the Services will be divided into two lots but TBGS is interested in exploring alternative arrangements for delivering the Services, e.g. the Service being

delivered in a combined lot.

## Expressions of Interest

TBGS would like to speak to suppliers interested in providing some or all of the required Services. To express interest suppliers should email the TBGS mailbox: [chairman.tbgs@gmail.com](mailto:chairman.tbgs@gmail.com) by Monday 4 December 2023 at 12 noon.

## II.2) Description

### II.2.1) Title

Secondary Transfer Test Provision

Lot No

1

### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Buckinghamshire Secondary Transfer Test is taken by approximately 10,000 children each year at the start of the Autumn term when they are in Year 6. Pupils take the test at their own primary school or at one of the grammar schools.

The Services TBGS is seeking are:

Secondary Transfer Test Provision: TBGS requires tests to determine suitability for grammar school. This is expected to include test development, printing and delivery of test papers, marking and producing results data.

### II.2.14) Additional information

It is expected that the Services will be divided into two lots but TBGS is interested in exploring alternative arrangements for delivering the Services, e.g. the Service being

delivered in a combined lot.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Test Administration Services

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 75121000 - Administrative educational services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

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

The Buckinghamshire Secondary Transfer Test is taken by approximately 10,000 children each year at the start of the Autumn term when they are in Year 6. Pupils take the test at their own primary school or at one of the grammar schools.

The Services TBGS is seeking are:

Test Administration Services: TBGS requires test administration services including test registration, issuing results, reviews and communications with parents and schools/test centres.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

It is expected that the Services will be divided into two lots but TBGS is interested in exploring alternative arrangements for delivering the Services, e.g. the Service being delivered in a combined lot.

## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

22 January 2024

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The publication of this notice does not signify the commencement of any procurement process and does not constitute any commitment by TBGS to undertake any procurement exercise.

In the event that TBGS might decide to commence any procurement process as contemplated by this notice, a separate notice will be published at the relevant time.

Disclaimers and conditions: TBGS retains the right to not procure and this early market engagement is not binding. Any communication made between TBGS and any party in connection with this requirement, shall not be relied upon as constituting a contract, agreement or representation that any contract will necessarily be offered.