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Contract

Con_16490 Step Up to Social Work Programme (Cohort 8) – Administration Solution

Department for Education

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Con_16490 Step Up to Social Work Programme (Cohort 8) – Administration Solution

Reference number

Con_16490 Project_6966

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This contract is for delivery of a fully managed service that performs administration of the assessment and recruitment support services to enable the national recruitment of candidates onto the Step-Up to Social Work programme. Notably, the service involves both IT systems and in person support at assessment centres.

This Contract shall expire on 31st December 2024 unless the Contracting Authority elects

to extend the Contract for a further cohort of the Step Up to Social Work Programme, in which case the Expiry Date for this Contract shall be 31st December 2025, and activity associated with the delivery of the service for cohort 9 will commence in October 2024. The contract includes an extension provision for 1 further cohort subject to satisfactory performance and a demonstration of future efficiencies.

The total Contract Price for the Initial Contract Period is £512,524.99 (excluding VAT). The total value set out in this notice includes the maximum value of the contract over 2 cohorts in the event that the contract extension is enacted, excluding the cost of administrators for assessment centres.

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: £1,025,049.98

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Step Up to Social Work training programme (“Step-Up”) as delivered by Local Authorities (“LAs”) in partnership with local Higher Education Institutions (“HEIs”) was designed to deliver a consistent supply of high-quality social workers into the sector from wide ranging backgrounds. The rationale for Step-Up was, and continues to be, to expand the recruitment pool for social work while addressing deficiency in workforce quality and sufficiency. The Step-Up programme requires a fully managed service to be provided by the supplier to LAs within their Regional Partnerships. A summary of the required services is set out below:

- Design, supply and hosting of an IT-based application data capture system to coordinate the assessment process and assessment centres across England;
- Administrative support to Regional Partnerships, to assess application pool of c.8,000 – 10,000 applicants;
- Staffing function at Regional Partnership assessment centres to recruit 700 trainees for

the eighth cohort;

- Quality assurance function on applications at all stages of the process;
- Targeted Recruitment advice and support to minimise and remove any inequitable barriers candidates may face.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted 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_16490

Lot No

YPO Framework 942 - Lot 11

Title

Con_16490 Step Up to Social Work Administration Solution (Cohort 8)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

29 November 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Capita Resourcing Limited

65 Gresham Street London EC2V 7NQ

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,025,049.98

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom