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Tender

Contract for services to evaluate the Office for Students regulation of quality

Office for Students

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Scope

Reference

PRN2371

Description

The Office for Students (OfS) is embarking on evaluating our approach to regulating and driving up quality. As part of a wider programme of evaluation activity, the OfS requires a contract with a single supplier to deliver evaluation services on a call-off basis. To establish a baseline, an initial piece of work will involve provider case studies and a provider survey. The case studies will give a deep exploration of providers' understanding and engagement with the OfS's current approach to regulating quality. The survey will expand on the case studies with a broad and representative understanding of the same issues.

To understand the effect of changes to our current approach, we anticipate that there will be future work orders for further rounds of case studies, further repeated rounds of the survey,

and other primary data collection may also be required.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Bristol:-Evaluation-consultancy-services./Q32FRBY674>

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Total value (estimated)

- £500,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 10 September 2025 to 9 September 2031
- Possible extension to 9 September 2033
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

This is entirely dependent on future decisions to award further work orders and there is no guaranteed level of spend under this contract.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Tender submission deadline

23 July 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/Q32FRBY674>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

21 August 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Approach to the project brief	Quality	30%
Project team and relevant experience	Quality	25%
Price	Price	20%
Delivery plan	Quality	15%
Social Value	Quality	10%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Office for Students

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYZM-6681-RPZP

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government