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Planning

Army Apprenticeship Programme (AAP) Future End Point Assessment (EPA) Service Opportunities

Ministry of Defence

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=54219>

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

Defence

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Army Apprenticeship Programme (AAP) Future End Point Assessment (EPA) Service Opportunities

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The AAP provides apprenticeships to 15 Cap Badges across the Army, each Cap Badge runs multiple Standards to enable them to offer a high-quality Apprenticeship Programme for their soldiers.

This Prior Information Notice is to inform of the Department's intention to procure 3 Apprenticeship Standards EPA service contracts for the AAP covering 13 different Standards grouped as shown below.

All Interested parties are to note:

- All the information on Standards below is subject to change and figures indicate current forecast throughflow. They are for illustrative purposes only and are also subject to amendment.
- Where multiple Cap Badges are listed on a single Contract, individual Cap Badges may not deliver all the listed Standards. Full details of which Standards are used by each Cap Badge will be provided in the Tender pack.
- It is intended that contracts will be awarded for 3 years with an option of up to a further 12 months with a subsequent option of up to a further 12 months, (3 years + up to 12 mths + up to 12 mths), a maximum of 5 years.
- EPA elements to be conducted at employer premises or remote where agreed by the Cap Badge and allowable under the Assessment Plan.
- Under current plans, Army anticipates commencing the tendering for the EPAOs to the approximate timings below. A competition for each of these requirements, under the Open Procedure, will be launched with release of the appropriate Contract Notice's on the Defence Sourcing Portal.
- This PIN is to alert the market to this potential future requirement and is not a formal request for Expressions of Interest (EOI). A Contract Notice and Dynamic PQQ may be issued in due course to request EOIs which shall reference this PIN.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

COMBINED LOGISTICS EPA

Cap Badges:

Royal Logistics Corps; Royal Air Force; Royal Engineers;

Royal Signals; Royal Artillery (RA);

Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

Standards, with Forecast Assessments per year:

- L2 Supply Chain Warehouse Operative (ST0259), 250 Assessments
- L2 Express Delivery Operative (ST0103), 405 Assessments
- L2 Large Goods Vehicle (LGV) driver C+E (ST0257), 860 Assessments

Anticipated timing:

ITT March 2024, Contract Award July 2024, First EPA February 2025

COMBINED CATERING EPA

Cap Badge:

Food Services Training Wing

Standards, with Forecast Assessments per year:

- L2 Production Chef (ST0589), 50 Assessments
- L3 Senior Production Chef (ST0232), 20 Assessments
- L3 Facilities Management Supervisor (ST0170), 16 Assessments

Anticipated Timing:

ITT April 2024, Contract Award August 2024, First EPA August 2025

COMBINED AVIATION EPA

Cap Badges:

Army Air Corps, RA, Royal Logistics Corps

Standards, with Forecast Assessments per year:

- L2 Aviation (Avn) Customer Service Operative (ST0907), 35 Assessments
- L2 Avn Ground Handler (ST0908) and L2 Avn Ground Operative (ST0037), 12 Assessments overall
- L3 Avn Ground Specialist (ST0038) and L3 Avn Movement Specialist (ST0954), 80 Assessments overall
- L3 Avn Flight Operations Coordinator (ST1007), 10 Assessments
- L4 Avn Operations Manager (ST0039), 5 Assessments

Anticipated Timing:

ITT April 2024, Contract Award August 2024, First EPA August 2025

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 March 2024

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