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Contract

## Reducing Court Delays Delivery Partner

Department for Education

F20: Modification notice

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## Section I: Contracting authority/entity

### I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Education

Sanctuary Buildings, 20, Great Smith Street

London

#### Email

[Vicki.GREGG@education.gov.uk](mailto:Vicki.GREGG@education.gov.uk)

#### Country

United Kingdom

#### Region code

UK - United Kingdom

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Reducing Court Delays Delivery Partner

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79411000 - General management consultancy services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

### II.2) Description

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

DfE is seeking a Delivery Partner to deliver a new pilot from January 2024 to March 2025 aimed at reducing delays in the family justice (FJ) system by working with Local Authorities (LAs) in Designated Family Judge (DFJ) areas to develop and implement solutions to tackle the root causes of delay.

The FJ system is one of the most complex and cross-system policy areas in children's services. DfE holds responsibility for public law, covering all vulnerable children in England who require LA intervention.

2.3. Unacceptable delays in the family courts have been a long-standing issue for over 10 years. In 2011, the average case duration (for cases when a social worker (SW) determines that a child is at significant risk, so applies for an order) was c55 weeks, with some cases taking more than two years to conclude. This results in poorer outcomes for children and huge additional costs to LAs and the taxpayer. The estimated costs of the FJ system is £1.2bn

, which equates to over 10% of all direct expenditure on the children's social care (CSC) system (2019/20) .

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Duration in months

14

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

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### **Title**

Reducing Court Delays Delivery Partner

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:**

19 November 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Mutual Ventures Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)**

Total value of the procurement: £1,201,305

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

Department for Education

Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street

London

SW1P 3BT

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[vicki.gregg@education.gov.uk](mailto:vicki.gregg@education.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

## **Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession**

### **VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications**

#### **VII.1.1) Main CPV code**

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

#### **VII.1.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:**

Delivery Partner to deliver a new pilot from January 2024 to March 2025 aimed at reducing delays in the family justice (FJ) system by working with Local Authorities (LAs) in Designated Family Judge (DFJ) areas to develop and implement solutions to tackle the root causes of delay.

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#### **VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Duration in months

14

#### **VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£1,201,305

### **VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Mutual Ventures Ltd

2-6 Boundary Row, London, SE1 8HP

London

SE1 8HP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

## **VII.2) Information about modifications**

### **VII.2.1) Description of the modifications**

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

Modification to the scope of work for further Learning Expansion: (needs analysis), (accountability analysis) and DFJ Merger

### **VII.2.2) Reasons for modification**

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

the work is within the original scope of the requirement and allows for the the broader dissemination of programme learning to the wider sector and enhance the immediate impact

of the programme but also ensure its long-term success and scalability

### **VII.2.3) Increase in price**

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £201,305

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £1,201,305