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Contract

Talent Programme: - Aspire

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Seacole Building, 2 Marsham Street

London

SW1P 4DF

Contact

Network Procurement

Email

network.procurement@defra.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 03459335577

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

C29551

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80510000 - Specialist training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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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: £35,910

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80510000 - Specialist training services
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II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Talent Programme: - Aspire is a six-month development programme, specifically designed for all Defra group colleagues, grade AA – EO (or equivalent) who identify as from an Ethnic Minority background.

The programme is structured around identified blockers and aims to enable equity to those from ethnic minority backgrounds, providing the tools and knowledge, enabling participants to feel confident and skilled, to progress through their careers.

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 July 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Index Partners Limited

1st Floor, Sutherland House, 5-6 Argyll Street, London.

London

W1F 7TE

Telephone

+44 02071125160

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

National registration number

4940909

Internet address

www.indexpartners.co.uk

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £67,500

Total value of the contract/lot: £35,910

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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