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## Level 7 Qualification Bursaries 2025

Department for Education

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### Scope

### Reference

Project\_10041

### Description

This procurement proposal seeks to continue funding the CIPFA Level 7 Diploma, developed in partnership with the Institute of School Business Leadership (ISBL), aimed at supporting School Business Professionals (SBPs) through targeted bursaries. For the 2025/26 period, the number of bursaries will increase from 58 to 72, covering 75% of the course costs. This expansion responds to strong demand—evidenced by 105 expressions of interest—and consistently positive participant feedback. The bursaries are specifically directed at SBPs working in schools with budget deficits or limited CPD (Continuing Professional Development) resources, across all educational sectors.

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## **Contract 1. Level 7 Qualification Bursaries 2025**

### **Supplier**

- ISBL Trading Ltd

### **Contract value**

- £163,296 excluding VAT
- £204,120 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

12 August 2025

### **Standstill period**

- End: 22 August 2025
- 8 working days

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

28 August 2025

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 September 2025 to 25 April 2027
- Possible extension to 25 April 2028
- 2 years, 7 months, 25 days

Description of possible extension:

The Buyer may extend the Contract for a period of up to 12 Months by giving not less than 30 Working Days' notice in writing to the Supplier prior to the Expiry Date. The Conditions of the Contract shall apply throughout any such extended period

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

## Supplier

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Region: UKG13 - Warwickshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Connected people/organisations:

No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Department for Education**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDZG-3487-DPVD

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government