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## **Top Apprenticeship Employer Rankings 26-27 Preliminary market engagement notice**

Department for Education

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

The DfE is seeking to engage parties who are interested in bidding to deliver Top Apprenticeship Employer Rankings for 2026 and 2027.

Please note that this notice is for early market engagement and exploratory purposes and is not a call for competition. The Department reserves the right not to enter any formal processes or agreements. Accordingly, the authority will not be liable for any bid cost, expenditure, work, or effort incurred by a provider in acting based on this notice.

The DfE is keen to maximise opportunities to participate in procurement for Small to Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprises (VCSEs). Consideration will also be given to consortia and collaborative bids from all forms of organisations.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £316,666.67 excluding VAT
- £380,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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

- 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026
- Possible extension to 30 November 2027
- 2 years

Description of possible extension:

The contract has the option to extend for 1 year.

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 79952000 - Event services

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## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

Suppliers must demonstrate that they have the legal and financial capacity to perform the contract. This includes:

Being a legally registered entity with the authority to enter into a contract.

Not being subject to any mandatory exclusion grounds under the Procurement Act 2023.

Demonstrating financial stability by completing the relevant sections of the Standard Selection Questionnaire (SQ) provided in the eTendering Portal.

These conditions are assessed on a pass/fail basis and are proportionate to the nature and value of the contract.

### **Technical ability conditions of participation**

A detailed service specification outlining the full scope, requirements, and expectations of this contract is available via the eTendering Portal. Interested suppliers must review this document in full before submitting a response, as it forms a key part of the procurement documentation.

### **Particular suitability**

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

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

19 September 2025, 5:00pm

## **Tender submission deadline**

3 October 2025, 11:59pm

## **Submission address and any special instructions**

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

The procurement will take place on the DfE Jaggaer system. Please register an account and search for ITT\_3681 where the procurement documents will be stored and your tender response can be submitted.

## **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

## **Languages that may be used for submission**

English

## **Award decision date (estimated)**

10 November 2025

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## **Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Commercial Evaluation	For the Commercial Envelope, bidders are asked to complete the Excel attachment within titled "Pricing Schedule". This must be completed fully for your bid to be considered.	Price	30%
Presentation	For the Commercial Envelope, bidders are asked to complete the Excel attachment within titled "Pricing Schedule". This must be completed fully for your bid to be considered.	Quality	20%
Quality Assurance	For the Commercial Envelope, bidders are asked to complete the Excel attachment within titled "Pricing Schedule". This must be completed fully for your bid to be considered.	Quality	12.5%
Delivery & Project Management	For the Commercial Envelope, bidders are asked to complete the Excel attachment within titled "Pricing Schedule". This must be completed fully for your bid to be considered.	Quality	12.5%

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Resources	For the Commercial Envelope, bidders are asked to complete the Excel attachment within titled "Pricing Schedule". This must be completed fully for your bid to be considered.	Quality	10%
Social Value	For the Commercial Envelope, bidders are asked to complete the Excel attachment within titled "Pricing Schedule". This must be completed fully for your bid to be considered.	Quality	10%
Objectives	For the Commercial Envelope, bidders are asked to complete the Excel attachment within titled "Pricing Schedule". This must be completed fully for your bid to be considered.	Quality	5%

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## **Other information**

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

## Procedure type

Open procedure

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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