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Planning

Identifying opportunities to solve common challenges between DfE, the sector and MIS suppliers.

Department for Education

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

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

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Identifying opportunities to solve common challenges between DfE, the sector and MIS suppliers.

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72260000 - Software-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Department for Education is keen to work with MIS suppliers to better understand how data is being utilised by the sector, explore how we can harness the potential of data and improve outcomes for children, parents and carers. We are also keen to understand the market's ability to amend functionality of their systems that enables the Department to gather the relevant data as it continues to develop its future policies.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48190000 - Educational software package

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)

- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Examples of discussions the Department is keen to have are listed below.

- Breakfast clubs:

- o The Government is committed to establishing free breakfast clubs in all primary schools. Breakfast clubs remove barriers to opportunity by ensuring primary school children are well prepared with a supportive start to the school day. Through the Children's Wellbeing & Schools Bill, we are legislating for a requirement for all state-funded schools in England with primary-aged children to provide a free breakfast club. We are currently running an early adopter scheme to test and learn what works to implement free breakfast clubs ahead of national rollout.

- o As part of this test and learn phase, we want to explore how data on attendance at free breakfast clubs can be recorded and captured through MIS. We invite MIS suppliers to attend a briefing to find out more and provide feedback on 1st October 2:30pm-3:30pm.

- KS3 & SEND:

- o What are the challenges and opportunities to improve how data is being utilised by the sector regarding both KS3 and SEND data.

- o How can schools and trusts more easily bring different datasets together and use more advanced analysis to better support their students.

We are interested in speaking to MIS suppliers who are currently engaged within the education sector.

It is essential that we speak to someone who understands the technical or operational aspects of MIS and is aware of the data challenges and data ecosystem in the sector.

Format of discussions:

The format for discussions will differ depending on the policy area. For the areas above the following formats will be used.

Breakfast clubs:

30-minute webinar hosted by the Department with a follow-up survey for attendees to complete.

KS3 & SEND:

An informal 60-minute individual research interview (via Teams) at a time that suits you before the end of October 2025.

There will be a standard agenda for each session, and the same questions will be asked of each participant. Sessions will be recorded for our own audit and transparency purposes.

How to participate:

If you are interested in participating, please complete this form URL:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yXfS-grGoU2187O4s0qC-eD2BfQQce5LvLd3m8ExTnNUOEpWS1hNMDc4RDU2NE5BT09BSE43RFIQMS4u>

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 October 2025

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