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Planning

Early Years Delivery Partners & Early Years Training Partners Contracts - Preliminary Market Engagement

Department for Education

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Scope

Reference

project_10049

Description

Please see Engagement section below

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)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80110000 - Pre-school education services
- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKF - East Midlands (England)

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

Engagement

Engagement deadline

24 October 2025

Engagement process description

The Department for Education are hosting separate market engagement events for four programmes and an event to explain the procurement process:-

Market Engagement Event One

- Stronger Practice Advisors - Training Partner

Date of event - Tuesday 14th October 2025 (11:00am)

- Stronger Practice Hubs - Delivery Partner

Date of event - Tuesday 14th October 2025 (11:00am)

(Please note - The above is a joint event)

Market Engagement Event Two

- Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) - Delivery Partner

Date of event - Friday 10th October 2025 (11am)

Market Engagement Event Three

- National Centre for Best Start Family Hubs - Delivery Partner

Date of event Wednesday 22nd October 2025 (11am)

Market Engagement Event Four

- Procurement specific event to explain the tender process prior to the official launch of the tender opportunities

Date of Event - Thursday 23rd October 2025 (11am)

Additional details for each programme are attached to this notice separately

Please Note:

To register for any of the above events please visit
<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>

and 'View Opportunities'

The opportunity is listed on the Jaggaer portal as Early Years Delivery Partners & Early Years Training Partners

Please register for any of the events that are of interest and it is recommended to attend the procurement specific event

Please further note:

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

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

24 October 2025

Contracting authority

Department for Education

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