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Planning

Management Information Systems for Schools in England

Department for Education

UK2: Preliminary market engagement notice - Procurement Act 2023 - view information about notice types

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Scope

Description

This PME does not signify the commencement of any procurement process and does not constitute any commitment by the Department for Education (DfE). If DfE decides to commence any procurement process subject to the Procurement Act 2023 as contemplated by this notice, a separate notice(s) will be published at the relevant time.

DfE would like to encourage all relevant organisations, including Small to Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprises (VCSEs), to participate and have made the engagement process as open as possible in order to facilitate this (please see further details in the "Engagement process description" section below). Consideration will be given to consortia and collaborative bids from all forms of organisations subject to confirmation of a competitive tender process.

The Purpose:

A Preliminary Market Engagement event is being undertaken to refine DfE's requirements as it looks to establish a route to market for schools under the Procurement Act 2023 for management information systems that enables them to analyse, use and report on key data with a focus on interoperability.

Further information on the project will be shared as part of the engagement process, starting with the market engagement webinar (please see further details in the "Engagement process description" section below).

We will conduct market engagement during winter 2025-26 with a view to using the market engagement and stakeholders views to inform the next steps DfE will take.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £800,000,000 excluding VAT

- £960,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2031

- 4 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

Contract locations

- 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

31 December 2025

Engagement process description

DfE is holding a market engagement webinar via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 13th November 2025 which will run for approximately 1 hour, 1pm - 2pm. Following the webinar, a Microsoft Forms questionnaire for organisations to respond to will be sent out via Jaggaer (DfE's e-sourcing system).

There are several ways to participate in this opportunity and register your organisation's interest in attending the webinar.

For organisations registered on Jaggaer:

1. If you are already registered on Jaggaer, please link through to project_10143 or ssq_642.

2. Please ensure full names, job titles and email addresses are provided via Jaggaer for those who wish to attend.

For organisations not registered on Jaggaer:

1. We aim to ensure all relevant organisations have the opportunity to participate. If you are not registered on Jaggaer but would like an invite to the webinar, please email

schools.MIS@education.gov.uk, stating your organisation name, name of attendees and job titles. We will send a Microsoft Teams invite directly to you with the joining instructions.

For organisations who wish to register on Jaggaer:

1. If you are not registered on Jaggaer and would like to set up an account for this engagement session, please view the "current opportunities" page at Jaggaer https://education.app.jaggaer.com and search for: project_10143 or ssq_642.

Once you have located project_10143 / ssq_642, please confirm your interest by selecting "Intend to Respond" and "Submit" to receive full access to the opportunity. All relevant documentation will be made available in the Data Room.

Note that whilst it is not necessary for this engagement, all future communication with DfE, including access to the post-webinar questionnaire and all additional market engagement activities, will be held via Jaggaer.

Relevant information and any supporting notes will be made available via the Data Room within project_10143 / ssq_642 at https://education.app.jaggaer.com/. This will include any questions or clarifications sent via email to DfE that would benefit all interested in the event.

One to one sessions:

Following review of the post webinar questionnaire we plan to hold one to one sessions with organisations who are interested in providing management information systems to schools. We would aim to conclude all meetings by the end of December 2025. These discussions will be formally structured with notes taken to ensure transparency and fair treatment of all interested participants. Should this be of interest please indicate desire to attend on the post-webinar questionnaire.

Previous engagement:

On 23rd September 2025, the Department published notice F01 2025/S 000-059040 to conduct engagement with management information system suppliers more generally and

separately to this formal preliminary market engagement exercise. Information gathered from engagement under the F01 notice may be used where relevant in addition to the output of the engagement under this notice.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

15 June 2026

Contracting authority

Department for Education

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