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Tender

Evidence-Based Early Years Maths Programme

Department for Education

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Scope

Description

The Department for Education is commissioning an evidence-based early maths programme aimed at improving numeracy outcomes for children in early years settings across England.

Early maths skills are strongly linked to later academic achievement and workforce success, yet many children begin school without the expected level of development in maths.

Despite its importance within the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), maths remains one of the lowest-performing areas, partly due to limited training and confidence among educators.

This contract will support the delivery of an evidence-based early maths programme to at least 5,000 settings, with a minimum completion rate of 80%, and requires programmes to be backed by robust evaluation, either a Randomised Controlled Trial (RCT) or Quasi-Experimental Design (QED) plus an implementation and process evaluation (IPE).

A PIN was published on 20th June 2025. A Market Engagement Event was subsequently held on 10 July 2025 and the slides and Question & Answer document from this event have been uploaded to Jaggaer.

For further information, please access the ITT documents via the Jaggaer e-Procurement platform (itt_3727).

The Department will be holding a Bidder Engagement Event on 11th November 2025, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

1. Potential suppliers are invited to participate in this bidder engagement session, which will be facilitated via Microsoft Teams.
2. The session will be led by representatives of the Department for Education and will focus on the programme's requirements and the tendering process.
3. To register your interest in attending, please use the messaging facility in the Jaggaer Portal and include the email contact details of all attendees in your message. Following registration, an invite will be sent to the email addresses of the attendees by 10th November 2025.

Attendance is not mandatory. Slides and any Q&As from the session will be uploaded to Jaggaer following the event.

Total value (estimated)

- £4,500,000 excluding VAT
- £5,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 August 2029
- 3 years, 5 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Enquiry deadline

20 November 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

5 December 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

The Department is administering the Tender process via its e-Tendering Portal, (Jaggaer; <https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>). Jaggaer is the only method for submitting tenders and suppliers should not make any other form of approach to the Department in connection with this procurement. It is the responsibility of Potential

Suppliers to ensure they can access and use the Jaggaer system. Jaggaer is owned and hosted by an independent organisation, any issues in respect of functionality or using the system must be directed to the Jaggaer helpdesk via 0800 069 8630 or <https://www.jaggaer.com/submit-supplier-support-request/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

5 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type
Evaluation report	Quality
Delivery and implementation	Quality
Recruitment and retention	Quality
Governance and assurance	Quality
Social value	Quality
Price	Price

Weighting description

Price per quality point

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Department for Education

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDZG-3487-DPVD

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