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Tender

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

Department for Education

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

project\_10049

### **Description**

Four separate procurements are described below which will be procured as Lots within an overarching procurement exercise:-

- Stronger Practice Advisors - Training Partner
- Stronger Practice Hubs - Delivery Partner
- Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) - Delivery Partner
- National Centre for Best Start Family Hubs - Delivery Partner

A Procurement specific event will be held to explain the tender process prior to the official launch of the tender opportunities

Further details are listed within the Engagement section of this notice

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

- £14,096,000 excluding VAT
- £17,620,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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

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

Description of possible extension:

Each Lot has the option to extend the contract for up to an additional 12 month period

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

## **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)
- UKL - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKI - London

## **Lot constraints**

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

See tender documents

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## **Lot Lot 1 (was 1). Procurement of a Training Partner for Early Years Stronger Practice Advisers**

### **Description**

We are seeking to procure a training partner for Early Years Stronger Practice Advisers (SPAs) within England, for the period 01/04/2026 - 31/03/2028 with an option to extend for a further 12-months

**Lot value (estimated)**

- £416,000 excluding VAT
- £520,000 including VAT

**Same for all lots**

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

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**Lot Lot 2. Early Years Special Educational Leads Co-Ordinators (SENCO) - Delivery Partner**

**Description**

We are seeking to procure a delivery partner for Early Years Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators (SENCO) within England, for the period 01/04/2026 - 31/03/2028 with an option to extend for a further 12-months

**Lot value (estimated)**

- £12,000,000 excluding VAT

- £15,000,000 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

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## **Lot Lot 3. Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs - Delivery Partner**

### **Description**

We are seeking to procure a delivery partner for Early Years Stronger

Practice Hubs (SPH) within England, for the period 01/04/2026 -

31/03/2028 with an option to extend for a further 12-months

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £1,680,000 excluding VAT
- £2,100,000 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

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### **Participation**

## **Particular suitability**

**Lot Lot 1 (was 1). Procurement of a Training Partner for Early Years Stronger Practice Advisers**

**Lot Lot 2. Early Years Special Educational Leads Co-Ordinators (SENCO) - Delivery Partner**

**Lot Lot 3. Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs - Delivery Partner**

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

### **Enquiry deadline**

8 December 2025, 5:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

19 December 2025, 12:00pm

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

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

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

## Languages that may be used for submission

English

## Award decision date (estimated)

23 February 2026

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## Award criteria

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>
Price per quality point	Total quality score as further described in the tender pack	Quality
Total Tendered Price	Contract charges as further described in the tender pack	Price

## Weighting description

Final tenders will be evaluated using a Price Per Quality Point (PPQP) model. This approach is designed to identify the tender that best meets the Department's requirements in relation to both quality and price. The PPQP model calculates a ratio by dividing the modelled tender price by the total weighted quality score. Full details of the evaluation methodology, including scoring and weightings, is provided in the tender documentation.

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## Other information

### Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)
- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)

### 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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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government