

**Contract notice**

<b>Section I: Contracting authority</b>	
<b>I.1) Name and addresses (please identify all contracting authorities responsible for the procedure)</b>	
Official name:	The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service, part of the Crown
National registration number:	
Postal address:	The Capital Building, Old Hall Street
Town:	Liverpool
NUTS code:	UK
Postal code:	L3 9P
Country:	United Kingdom
Contact person:	
Telephone: e.g. +44 12345678; +44 12345678-0001; +44 12345678/79/80; +44 12345678/+44 987654321:	+44 34501003503
E-mail:	Supplier@crowncommercial.gov.uk
Fax:	
<b>Internet address(es)</b>	
Main address: (URL)	<a href="http://www.gov.uk/ccs">http://www.gov.uk/ccs</a>
Address of the buyer profile: (URL)	
Name and addresses: (please repeat as many times as needed)	
<b>I.2) Joint procurement</b>	
The contract involves joint procurement	
In the case of joint procurement involving different countries, state applicable national procurement law:	
The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body	x
<b>I.3) Communication</b>	
(URL)	The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at <a href="https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/s/">https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/s/</a>
Additional information can be obtained from:	the abovementioned address
Official name:	
National registration number:	
Postal address:	
Town:	
NUTS code:	
Postal code:	
Country:	
Contact person:	
Telephone: e.g. +44 12345678; +44 12345678-0001; +44 12345678/79/80; +44 12345678/+44 987654321:	
E-mail:	
Fax:	
<b>Internet address(es)</b>	

Main address: (URL)	
Address of the buyer profile: (URL)	
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: yes	
(URL)	<a href="https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk">https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk</a>
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted:	to the abovementioned address
Official name:	
National registration number:	
Postal address:	
Town:	
NUTS code:	
Postal code:	
Country:	
Contact person:	
Telephone: e.g. +44 12345678; +44 12345678-0001; +44 12345678/79/80; +44 12345678/+44 987654321:	
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Address of the buyer profile: (URL)	
Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at: (URL)	

I.4) Type of the contracting authority:	Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions
Other type:	
I.5) Main activity:	General public services
Other activity:	
Section II: Object	
II.1) Scope of the procurement	
II.1.1) Title:	Professional Economist Integrated Degree Apprenticeship
Reference number:	RM6107
II.1.2) Main CPV code:	80000000
II.1.3) Type of contract:	Services
II.1.4) Short description:	<p>Crown Commercial Service as the Authority is putting in place a pan government Framework Agreement for use by UK public sector bodies identified at V1.3, which include Central Government departments and their agencies, non-departmental public bodies, NHS bodies and local authorities. Contracting Authorities funded by public money are under scrutiny, and to ensure the delivery of excellent public service it is important that they have access to the right quality apprenticeship training.</p> <p>This procurement is a single supplier framework.</p> <p>This procurement relates to training and related services for the delivery of the Professional Economist Integrated Degree Apprenticeship - which are Educational services listed in Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations (PCR) 2015 as a specific service.</p> <p>The procurement is being conducted under the Light Touch Regime ('LTR') therefore subject to limited regulation and will be conducted in accordance with regulations 74 to 76 PCR 2015.</p>
II.1.5) Estimated total value	
Value excluding VAT: (for framework agreements or dynamic purchasing systems - estimated total maximum value for the entire duration of the framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system)	
Currency:	
II.1.6) Information about lots	
This contract is divided into lots:	no
Tenders may be submitted for:	
maximum number of lots:	
Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer:	
The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:	
II.2) Description	
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II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)	75100000
II.2.3) Place of performance	
NUTS code:	UK
Main site or place of performance:	

<p>II.2.4) Description of the procurement (nature and quantity of works, supplies or services or indication of needs and requirements)</p>	<p>Crown Commercial Service as the Authority are working with the Government Economic Service (GES) support team in HM Treasury to establish a single supplier Framework Agreement for Professional Economist Integrated Degree Apprenticeships. As the largest employer of economists in England the GES are committed to employing Professional Economist Apprentices. The Professional Economist Apprenticeship entry route is seen as the important new pillar of the GES Recruitment Strategy and will have parity of esteem with the established Fast Track and Main Stream entry routes. The apprenticeship route is considered a vital part of the GES's drive to ensure that the economics profession continues to attract the brightest and the best from all backgrounds.</p> <p>Through this Framework Agreement it is the GES intention to form an enduring professional relationship with a single training provider to deliver all of the Professional Economist Integrated Degree Apprenticeship Training for GES member organisations. Current indications are that 75 apprentices will be recruited for August 2019 starts and this may grow in subsequent years.</p> <p>To participate in this procurement potential providers must be registered on the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers (RoATP), must have three years' experience of delivering an Economics degree programme and currently offer an L100 programme.</p> <p>The scope will include the Apprenticeship Standards as published in the Specification, Attachment 4a, and the Supplier shall retain throughout the Framework period Silver, or Gold Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) outcomes.</p> <p>Tenders submitted by consortia are welcome for this Procurement.</p> <p>The duration of the Framework Agreement set out in II.2.7 is the Initial Framework Period of 2 years. There are also two additional 1 year extension options available in that Framework Agreement.</p>				
<p>II.2.5) Award criteria:</p>	<p>Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents</p>				
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<p>II.2.6) Estimated value</p>					
<p>Value excluding VAT: (for framework agreements or dynamic purchasing systems – estimated total maximum value for the entire duration of this lot)</p>					
<p>Currency:</p>					
<p>II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system:</p>	<p>Duration in months or Duration in days</p>				
<p>Duration in months or Duration in days:</p>	<p>Duration in months</p> <p>24</p>				
<p>Start: (dd/mm/yyyy) /</p>					
<p>End: (dd/mm/yyyy)</p>					
<p>End: (dd/mm/yyyy)</p>					
<p>This contract is subject to renewal</p>	<p>no</p>				
<p>Description of renewals:</p>					
<p>II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited (except in open procedures):</p>					
<p>Envisaged number of candidates:</p>					
<p>Envisaged minimum number:</p>					
<p>Maximum number:</p>					
<p>Maximum number:</p>					

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:	
II.2.10) Information about variants	
Variants will be accepted	no
II.2.11) Information about options	
Options	no
Description of options:	
II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues	
Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue	
II.2.13) Information about European Union funds	
The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:	no
Identification of the project:	
II.2.14) Additional information:	
Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information	
III.1) Conditions for participation	
III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers	
List and brief description of conditions:	
III.1.2) Economic and financial standing	
Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents	x
List and brief description of selection criteria:	
Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:	
III.1.3) Technical and professional ability	
Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents	x
List and brief description of selection criteria:	
Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:	
III.1.5) Information about reserved contracts	
The contract is reserved to sheltered workshops and economic operators aiming at the social and professional integration of disabled or disadvantaged persons	
The execution of the contract is restricted to the framework of sheltered employment programmes	
III.2) Conditions related to the contract	

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession (only for service contracts)	
Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession	
Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision:	
III.2.2) Contract performance conditions:	
III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract	
Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract	
Section IV: Procedure	
IV.1) Description	
IV.1.1) Type of procedure:	Open procedure
Accelerated procedure	
Justification:	
Accelerated procedure	
Justification:	
Accelerated procedure	
Justification:	
IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system	
The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement:	Framework agreement with a single operator
Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement:	
In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:	
The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system	
The dynamic purchasing system might be used by additional purchasers	
IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue	
Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated	
IV.1.5) Information about negotiation (only for competitive procedures with negotiation)	
The contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without conducting negotiations	
IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction	

An electronic auction will be used	
Additional information about electronic auction:	
IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)	
The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement:	yes
IV.2) Administrative information	
IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure (One of the following: Prior information notice; Notice on a buyer profile)	
Notice number in the OJ S:	
IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate	
Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)	06/08/2018
Local time: (hh:mm)	15:00
IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates	
Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)	
IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:	EN
IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender	
Tender must be valid until: (dd/mm/yyyy)	
or Duration in months	x
(from the date stated for receipt of tender):	6
IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders	
Date: (dd/mm/yyyy)	06/08/2018
Local time: (hh:mm)	15:00
Place:	
Information about authorised persons and opening procedure:	
Section VI: Complementary information	
VI.1) Information about recurrence	
This is a recurrent procurement:	no
Estimated timing for further notices to be published	
VI.2) Information about electronic workflows	
Electronic ordering will be used	x
Electronic invoicing will be accepted	x
Electronic payment will be used	x

VI.3) Additional information:	<p>The value provided in Section II.1.5 is only an estimate. We cannot guarantee to potential providers any business through this Framework Agreement.</p> <p>As part of this Contract Notice the following documents can be accessed on the Contracts Finder website:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Contract Notice Transparency Information for the Agreement</li> <li>2) Contract Notice Authorised Customer List</li> <li>3) Rights Reserved for CCS Framework</li> </ol> <p>Go to URL: <a href="https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/e6ab8fae-8242-4cc3-bc6a-bc556851d244">https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/e6ab8fae-8242-4cc3-bc6a-bc556851d244</a></p> <p>Registering for access:</p> <p>This procurement will be managed electronically via the BravoSolution eSourcing tool. This will be the route for sharing all information and communicating with potential providers. If you have recently registered on the BravoSolution portal for another CCS procurement you can use the same account for this new procurement. If not, you will first need to register your organisation on the portal.</p> <p>To register, you will need to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Go to the URL: <a href="https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk">https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk</a>.</li> <li>2. Select the link "I am a new supplier user".</li> <li>3. Read and agree to the portal user agreement.</li> <li>4. Complete the registration form, providing information including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— The full legal name of your organisation.</li> <li>— Your company registration number.</li> <li>— Your DUNS number – a unique nine-digit number provided to organisations free of charge by Dun &amp; Bradstreet.</li> <li>— User and contact details.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>Once you have registered on the BravoSolution eSourcing tool, you will be able to express your interest in this specific procurement. Your registered user will receive a notification email to alert them once this has been done.</p> <p>Note: If you require additional users from your organisation to see the Invitation to Tender ITT, DO NOT repeat the above process as this will create a new separate organisation account; instead the registered user can add additional users to the existing supplier organisation account via "User Management" &gt; Manage Users &gt; "Users" &gt; "Create".</p> <p>Expressing an interest:</p> <p>To express your interest in this procurement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Login to the BravoSolution eSourcing Suite portal: <a href="https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk">https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk</a></li> <li>2. On the dashboard select the link ITTs Open to All Suppliers.</li> <li>3. On the "ITTs Open to All Suppliers" webpage you will see one or more procurements listed, click on the procurement name you wish to access.</li> <li>4. Click on Express Interest at the top of the next screen.</li> <li>5. You can now access the published documents in the BravoSolution portal.</li> </ol> <p>For assistance please contact the eSourcing Help-desk operated by BravoSolution by email at <a href="mailto:help@bravosolution.co.uk">help@bravosolution.co.uk</a> or call 0800 069 8630.</p>
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<b>VI.4) Procedures for review</b>	
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<b>VI.4.1) Review body</b>	
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Official name:	The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service
Postal address:	Rosebery Court, St Andrews Business Park
Town:	Norwich
Postal code:	NR7 0HS
Country:	United Kingdom

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E-mail:	
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Internet address: (URL)	
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<b>VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures</b>	
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Official name:	
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Postal address:	
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Town:	
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Postal code:	
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Country:	
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E-mail:	
Fax:	
Internet address: (URL)	
<b>VI.4.3) Review procedure</b>	
Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:	
<b>VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained</b>	
Official name:	
Postal address:	
Town:	
Postal code:	
Country:	
Telephone: e.g. +44 12345678; +44 12345678-0001; +44 12345678/79/80; +44 12345678/+44 987654321:	
E-mail:	
Fax:	
Internet address: (URL)	
VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice: (dd/mm/yyyy)	09/07/2018