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Prior information notice

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Services

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) **Name and addresses**

Department for Education/ Institute for Apprenticeships
Sanctuary Buildings, 20 Great Smith Street
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SW1P 3BT
United Kingdom
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NUTS code: UKI

Internet address(es):

Main address: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

I.2) **Information about joint procurement**

I.3) **Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

I.4) **Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.5) **Main activity**

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) **Scope of the procurement**

II.1.1) **Title:**

T Levels Qualifications

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

80000000

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Services

II.1.4) **Short description:**

The purpose of this PIN is to initiate market engagement and it is not being used as a call for competition. This PIN is intended to:

1. Inform the market of a potential future procurement process for the Wave 1 T Levels, being commissioned jointly by Department for Education and the Institute for Apprenticeships (and therefore enable the market / suppliers to begin to plan for this); and
2. Advise as to two forthcoming market engagement events which will be held on 10.00am -5.00pm on Monday the 11th June 2018 and Thursday the 14th June 2018, the morning session will be held at ETC venues, One Drummond Gate, Victoria, London SW1V 2QQ . The afternoon session will be held in Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street SW1P 3BT.

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- II.1.5) **Estimated total value**
- II.1.6) **Information about lots**
This contract is divided into lots: yes
- II.2) **Description**
- II.2.1) **Title:**
Education
Lot No: 1
- II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**
80210000
- II.2.3) **Place of performance**
NUTS code: UK
- II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**
T Levels is a new system of Technical Education that would introduce a high quality technical option alongside an academic option for students aged 16 to 19. This is the recommendation by the Independent Panel on Technical Education – the Sainsbury report.
The Sainsbury Report also recommended that a single body or consortium should deliver each qualification under an “exclusive licence” that would be awarded for a fixed time period following open competition.
The purpose of the proposed procurement will be to select and appoint an Awarding Organisation (AO) (or AOs) to be responsible for developing and delivering each of the Wave 1 T Levels, under an exclusive licensing approach. The expected scope of the role of the AO(s) is that it/they would be responsible for:
designing the content of the qualification;
upskilling providers;
provision of learning and teaching materials;
updating content; and
qualification assessment services.
Further information on the proposed procurement is provided in the Information Memorandum accessible at <https://education.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>.
It is envisaged that any resulting contract (or contracts) would be a public services concession contract (or contracts) and that accordingly the procurement will be governed by the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, to the extent that the same apply to those services to which such contract (or contracts) would relate.
- II.2.14) **Additional information**
See the Information Memorandum accessible via the link in Section II.2.4 (Description of the procurement) for further information on the likely duration of the proposed contract(s), including options for extension.
Suppliers delivering the new qualifications will be expected to meet Ofqual requirements for recognition for TLevels.
- II.2) **Description**
- II.2.1) **Title:**
Design, Surveying and Planning
Lot No: 2
- II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**
80210000
- II.2.3) **Place of performance**
NUTS code: UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

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The Sainsbury Report also recommended that a single body or consortium should deliver each qualification under an “exclusive licence” that would be awarded for a fixed time period following open competition.

The purpose of the proposed procurement will be to select and appoint an Awarding Organisation (AO) (or AOs) to be responsible for developing and delivering each of the Wave 1 T Levels, under an exclusive licensing approach. The expected scope of the role of the AO(s) is that it/they would be responsible for:

designing the content of the qualification;

upskilling providers;

provision of learning and teaching materials;

updating content; and

qualification assessment services.

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It is envisaged that any resulting contract (or contracts) would be a public services concession contract (or contracts) and that accordingly the procurement will be governed by the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, to the extent that the same apply to those services to which such contract (or contracts) would relate.

II.2.14) Additional information

See the Information Memorandum accessible via the link in Section II.2.4 (Description of the procurement) for further information on the likely duration of the proposed contract(s), including options for extension.

Suppliers delivering the new qualifications will be expected to meet Ofqual requirements for recognition for TLevels.

II.2) Description**II.2.1) Title:**

Digital Production, Design and Development

Lot No: 3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

72200000

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code: UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

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The Sainsbury Report also recommended that a single body or consortium should deliver each qualification under an “exclusive licence” that would be awarded for a fixed time period following open competition.

The purpose of the proposed procurement will be to select and appoint an Awarding Organisation (AO) (or AOs) to be responsible for developing and delivering each of the Wave 1 T Levels, under an exclusive licensing approach. The expected scope of the role of the AO(s) is that it/they would be responsible for:

designing the content of the qualification;

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Further information on the proposed procurement is provided in the Information Memorandum accessible at <https://education.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>.

It is envisaged that any resulting contract (or contracts) would be a public services concession contract (or contracts) and that accordingly the procurement will be governed by the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, to the extent that the same apply to those services to which such contract (or contracts) would relate.

II.2.14) **Additional information**

See the Information Memorandum accessible via the link in Section II.2.4 (Description of the procurement) for further information on the likely duration of the proposed contract(s), including options for extension.

Suppliers delivering the new qualifications will be expected to meet Ofqual requirements for recognition for TLevels.

II.3) **Estimated date of publication of contract notice:**

03/09/2018

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Description**

IV.1.8) **Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3) **Additional information:**

The purpose of the market engagement events will be to engage with suppliers that are interested in and consider themselves as capable of delivering the services and to provide information about the expected procurement process and the high-level commercial and financial principles applicable to the services.

The events will be held from 10.00am to 5.00pm on Monday 11th June and Thursday 14th June, the morning session will be held at ETC venues, One Drummond Gate, Victoria, London SW1V 2QQ . The afternoon session will be held in Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street SW1P 3BT. To book a place at one of these days please email procurementlicensing.team@education.gov.uk with the following information:

- a. Organisation name;
- b. Attendees (max of 1 supplier representative for the plenary session and 2 for the one to one session)
- c. Contact details

Each event will comprise two sessions:

The morning session will be a plenary session at which representatives from the contracting authority will provide detailed information about the scope of the services and how they will be commissioned; information about regulation and approvals; and information about the procurement process envisaged.

The afternoon session will comprise one-to-one sessions with individual suppliers/trade associations. 16 slots are available on each day therefore allocation of these slots will be on a first come first served basis and will be limited to 1 slot per supplier organisation. Interested parties are therefore encouraged to register for the event at the earliest opportunity.

Interested suppliers will be provided with information about the day and supporting notes, which will be made available to all those unable to attend via the virtual data room at <https://education.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

The Authority administers procurements electronically via the Department for Education e-procurement Solution portal (Bravo Solution Portal). No hard copy documents will be issued and all communications with the Authority

(including final submission of Tender responses) must be conducted via BravoSolution. It can be accessed via your web browser <https://education.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

To ensure all communications relating to this procurement are received, potential suppliers must ensure that the point of contact they nominate in the Bravo portal is accurate at all times. Access to the Bravo portal is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year anywhere in the world via the internet unless notified otherwise by the Bravo portal.

The services to which this notice relates (and to which any subsequent procurement would relate) are education and training services, for the purposes of the EU Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV). As such, neither the market engagement event nor any subsequent public procurement exercise are subject to (and nor are the Department for Education and the Institute for Apprenticeships bound by) any of the detailed rules of procedure relating to the procurement of fully regulated services, whether under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) or the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016.

The publication of this notice does not signify the commencement of any procurement process, and does not constitute any commitment by the Department for Education and/or the Institute for Apprenticeships to undertake any procurement exercise. In the event that the Department for Education and/or the Institute for Apprenticeships might decide to commence any procurement process as contemplated by this notice, a separate notice will be published at the relevant time.

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**