CONTRACT NOTICE

SERVICES

SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

I.1) NAME, ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINTS(S):
Official Name: Procurement
Address: Abercrombie House, Eaglesham Road,
Town: East Kilbride
Country: UK
Postal Code: G75 8EA
Internet address(es):
General Address of the contracting authority:
www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-developmentAddress Of
the Buyer Profile: http://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice
Further information can be obtained at:

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained at: Official Name: Country: UK Internet Address: https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to:

I.2) TYPE OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY AND MAIN ACTIVITIY OR ACTIVITIES: REGIONAL AUTHORITY

GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES

SECTION II: OBJECT OF THE CONTRACT II.1) DESCRIPTION

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority: Skills Development Programme
II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance: SERVICES
Main site or location of works: South Lanarkshire
NUTS code: UKM38
II.1.3) This notice involves

II.1.4) Information on framework agreement:

Duration of the framework agreement: Duration in year(s):

Justification for a framework agreement, the duration of which exceeds four years: Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement: **II.1.5)** Short description of the contract or purchases(s):

Skills Development Programme (SDP) is the second phase of DFID's investment in the skills sector in Punjab, Pakistan. It builds on the lessons learnt and the operational experience of the skills sector gained through the skills components of the ongoing Puniab Economic Opportunities Programme (PEOP). Under PEOP, DFID in partnership with the Government of the Punjab established the Punjab Skills Development Fund (PSDF). Both the sponsors committed £25 million each to the PSDF, while DFID committed an additional £5.0 million as technical assistance. The TA is covering monitoring and evaluation, and capacity and organizational strengthening support for PSDF. DFID is seeking to contract a Service Provider (SP) to successfully implement the following components of the Skills Development Programme (SDP) over a 5 year period. Financial aid/grant to the Government of Punjab for: i. Training through PSDF - £57.5.0 million. ii. Budgetary support to complement the World Bank programme - up to £2.5 million. Technical Assistance: i. Institutional development of PSDF to make it sustainable up to £5.50 million. ii. Skills sector legal, regulatory and structural reforms - up to £4.0 million. c. Technical Assistance – a challenge fund-type facility to support innovative partnerships for quality skill delivery – up to $\pounds 20$ million. The goal of the SDP is to increase the provision of high quality skills needed in the market through cost effective mechanisms, including innovative modalities, (e.g. public private partnerships, private partnerships) and by making public sector delivery of skills more efficient and market oriented. The programme also aims to transform the skills sector by improving the institutional, policy and regulatory environment governing the skills sector. Compared with the current skills programme additional elements of the SDP are as follows: a. PSDF becomes a sustainable fund with improved focus on employment facilitation

and provision of more specialized skill schemes across Punjab. b. DFID collaborates with the provincial and federal governments' and other donors for skills sector policy, regulatory and structural reforms in Punjab and beyond. c. Lessons learnt and systems developed at PSDF are used to make public sector skill delivery more cost effective and performance oriented. d. Innovative modalities, including public-private, and private partnerships, are tested and scaled up for addressing the limited supply, quality and relevance of skills across Pakistan. **II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary:**

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II.1.7) Contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA):

YES II.1.8) Division into lots:

NO

II.1.9) Variants will be accepted:

YES

II.2) QUANTITY OR SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT

II.2.1) Total quantity or scope:

Estimated value excl. VAT: 29500000

Currency: GBP II.2.2) Options:

There will be the possibility of a maximum of 24 months extension to the contract subject to successful performance, need, availability of funding and approval from DFID. **II.3) DURATION OF THE CONTRACT OR TIME-LIMIT FOR COMPLETION:** Duration in months: 60 (From the award of contract).

SECTION III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANTIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

III.1) CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT

III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required:

Details will be set out in contract documents

III.1.2) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions regulating them:

The contract will be governed by English Law. Prices are not required at PQQ stage, however, when required they must be quoted in GBP and all payments under the contract will be made in GBP. DFID reserves the right to anuul the process and not award the contract. DFID does not provide advance funding, therefore, the service provider will be required to pre-fnance all programme activities, before claiming reimbursement from DFID in arrears.

III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:

Joint and several liability. If a successful provider is a consortium, the contracting authority shall require each consortium member to be jointly and severally liable for all obligations under the contract.

III.1.4) Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject:

No

III.2) CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

III.2.1) Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers:

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: **III.2.2**) Economic and financial capacity:

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: See PQQ for details.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: See PQQ for details.

III.2.3) Technical capacity:

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: See PQQ for details.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

III.2.4) Reserved contracts:

III.3) CONDITIONS SPECIFIC TO SERVICES CONTRACTS

III.3.1) Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: No

III.3.2) Legal entities should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service: YES

SECTION IV: PROCEDURE

IV.1) TYPE OF PROCEDURE

IV.1.1) Type of procedure: Restricted
IV.1.2) Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate: Envisaged number of operators: 57
Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:
IV.1.3) Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue: NO
IV.2) AWARD CRITERIA

IV.2.1) Award criteria:

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of criteria stated below:

1: Criteria: Methodology Weighting: 40
2: Criteria: Delivery Team: Overal team composition structured for the effective delivery of the ToR Weighting: 30
3: Criteria: Commercial Weighting: 30
IV.2.2) An electronic auction will be used: No
IV.3) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority: 7255

IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract: No

IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: Payable documents: No

IV.3.4) Time-limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate: 27. 11. 2015 - 12:00

IV.3.5) Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates:

14. 12. 2015

IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up: $\ensuremath{\mathsf{EN}}$

IV.3.7) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender: Period in months (from date stated for receipt of tenders):

IV.3.8) Conditions for opening tenders:

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: No **SECTION VI: COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

VI.1) THIS IS A RECURRENT PROCUREMENT:

No VI

VI.2) CONTRACT RELATED TO A PROJECT AND/OR PROGRAMME FINANCED BY EU FUNDS: No

VI.3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Additional Information: The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of

tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement, and the resulting contracts will be awarded on the basis of the most economically advantageous tenders, in line with the strategic priorities outlined in the ToR. Tender documents including draft terms of reference are available in our Supplier Portal. However, only Registered Suppliers can access these documents. Details on Supplier Portal and guidance to register can be found in: http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Work-with-us/DFID-portal/ Expressions of interest should be via the DFID portal, http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Procurement/DFID-portal/ using the PQQ guidance available. Programme staff should not be contacted directly. Following assessment of PQQ, DFID will invite shortlisted applicants to submit full technical and commercial proposals and inform applicants not short-listed that they are unsuccessful. If circumstances require further extension beyond the original contract duration/agreed extensions, DFID will consider doing so by means of the negotiated procedure where necessary conditions can be met. From 1.4.2001, all UK development assistance has been fully untied which allows suppliers for anywhere in the world to bid for DFID contracts.

VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures:

Official Name: Michael Ross Address: Abercrombie House, Eaglesham Road, East Kilbride Town: Glasgow Country: UK Postal Code: G75 8EA **Body responsible for mediation procedures: VI.4.2) Lodging of appeals:** Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: **VI.4.3) Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained: VI.5) DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE:** 30. 10. 2015