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Notification of Upcoming Further Competition from the **CCS RM6126 Research & Insights DPS**

Dear Supplier,

We would like to notify you of an opportunity which will soon be conducted under the **Crown Commercial Service’s RM6126 Research & Insights DPS**.

You must be registered as a supplier on [RM6126 Research & Insights DPS](https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/dps#research) to have the opportunity to be selected to receive the Bid Pack / invitation to tender for this competition. Details of how to register are provided in the links section of this notification.

The formal Call for Competition will be conducted via the Department for Education’s Jaggaere-Tendering Portal. You **must also** be registered on Jaggaer to receive an invitation to tender, ask clarification questions and submit a bid. Further information about how to register on [Jaggaer](https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html) can be found in the links section of this notification.

**Call-off Competition Title: Developing a UK Skills Taxonomy**

**Contract Reference Number: DFERPPU 22-23/051**

**Overview of Scope:**

The [Unit for Future Skills](https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/unit-for-future-skills) is an analytical and research unit within the Department for Education. It has been set up to improve the quality of jobs and skills data, working across government to make it available and more accessible to policy makers, stakeholders, and the general public.The data and research will support the UFS’ long-term strategic vision of building a jobs and skills data ecosystem that enables users to identify skills mismatches at an economy and individual level, which will help our skills system respond effectively to deliver good jobs and higher productivity.

At present, there is no UK-specific skills taxonomy encompassing skills, qualifications, and occupations (and the mappings between them). Different stakeholders use different taxonomies, some developed using novel approaches and others based on existing taxonomies developed in other countries (ESCO – Europe, O\*NET – US) which aren’t necessarily suitable for the UK labour market. Consequently, the language used to describe labour market information (LMI) is inconsistent, making it difficult to identify the demand for and supply of skills and mismatches between the two.

The UFS is seeking to establish a UK-specific taxonomy that will enable the department (and government more widely) to better organise and describe LMI and extract greater insights from it. This will greatly improve our understanding of what jobs require which skills, and which qualifications provide different skills. This in turn will help identify skills mismatches, allowing policy makers, education providers, employers etc to respond appropriately.

The project will be comprised of two phases. Phase 1 will focus on developing use cases through stakeholder engagement, scoping out the details of any proposed methodology (or methodologies) – including the benefits and drawbacks of the proposed approach(es) – and developing a detailed workplan for the development of a UK skills taxonomy. Phase 2 will focus on the actual development of the taxonomy, alongside a programme of user testing. There will be a review point at the end of phase 1 to evaluate outputs for quality and feasibility and decide whether the department will proceed with phase 2 of the project.

Bidders will need to demonstrate expertise in the subject matter area and a knowledge of the UK education system. Project management skills for a work programme spanning multiple years, and adequate resource to undertake and deliver a large-scale project are also essential. They will also need demonstrate evidence of wide-ranging research and analytical skills (e.g. quantitative, qualitative, data analytics) and the ability to produce high quality analysis to pre-agreed timelines.

**Market Engagement Details:** This research project will be procured via the Marketplace DPS.

**Anticipated Jaggaer Call for Competition Launch Date:** 28th September 2022.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please submit a clarification question through the Jaggaer portal when the competition is launched.

Kind regards,

