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## Contract notice

### Services

Directive 2014/24/EU

#### **Section I: Contracting authority**

##### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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NUTS code: UKM95

##### **Internet address(es):**

Main address: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development/about/procurement>

Address of the buyer profile: <https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>

##### **I.2) Joint procurement**

##### **I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>

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##### **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**

General public services

#### **Section II: Object**

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

###### **II.1.1) Title:**

Syria Education Programme  
Reference number: 8076

###### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

75211200

###### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

###### **II.1.4) Short description:**

DFID requires a supplier to deliver the Syria Education Programme which will provide access to safe, inclusive and quality learning opportunities to children in Syria, while strengthening actors to effectively manage education.

**II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 63 760 000.00 GBP

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

**II.2) Description**

**II.2.1) Title:**

**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

75211200

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKM95

**II.2.4) Description of the procurement:**

There are four main components of the programme: (1) Stipend payments for up to 10,000 teachers and education staff, including support to the Grade 9 and Grade 12 examinations. (2) Scale-up and implementation of an effective electronic Teacher Payment and Attendance Monitoring System which is currently in the pilot phase (3) Capacity building of local Syrian education authorities and NGOs to better manage delivery of quality education services (4) Design and implementation of a quality intervention which should be evidence based and data driven. Implementation of all components should be undertaken in consultation with the counterparts in Syria responsible for education delivery, who should in turn base their inputs on consultation with the communities in which they provide education services as well as all available research and data. The approach taken must be genuinely consultative to ensure that the programme responds to needs on the ground, and that counterparts have ownership of intervention implementation.

DFID would like to reach as many children as possible in accessible areas of Syria focusing on where children are in need of support. This will include areas held by the opposition or non-state armed actors, though this may change depending on how the conflict and the status of UK policy evolve. At the outset, the programme's geographical scope is likely to cover the areas in 4 provinces of Syria which are held by the opposition, namely Idlib, Rural Aleppo, Rural Damascus and Dera'a provinces.

DFID requires a supplier, and encourages consortia or a supplier with selected partners / sub-contractors, that can demonstrate the relevant expertise, capacity, and geographical presence required to deliver this programme. A lead supplier must be identified who will have overall management and financial responsibility. It is vital that the lead supplier has a clear governance and management structure in place for the programme which is viable, feasible, and represents good value for money.

The current requirements and objectives of the programme are outlined, but flexibility will be important if there are any shifts in the situation inside Syria and in UK policy permissions which could potentially lead to changes such as the partners through whom DFID currently works and areas of implementation over the lifetime of the programme.

The funding currently available and the initial value of the contract will be £39 million (VAT inclusive if applicable). There is possibility that the value of the contract could be increased up to £79.7 million (VAT inclusive if applicable), dependant on the securing of additional funds from other donors.

**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 36

This contract is subject to renewal: no

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

The contract will include extension options of up to an additional 18 months.

**II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues****II.2.13) Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: yes

Identification of the project: Syria Education Programme

**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:

Mandatory and discretionary exclusion, economic and financial standing, technical and professional ability, modern slavery act 2015 requirements, minimum insurance requirements, tenderers past performance, duty of care, international aid transparency initiative, acceptance of DFID Terms and conditions and DFID supply partner code of conduct, as outlined in the procurement documents. A Tenderer must meet the selection criterion in relation to reliability namely that DFID must be satisfied that

(i) the contracts on the list to be provided by the Tenderer have been satisfactorily performed in accordance with their terms or,

(ii) where that has not occurred, the reason or reasons why that has not occurred in relation to any such contract, will not recur in the performance of the contract to be awarded

The contract will be governed by English Law. All payments for the contract will be made in GBP Sterling. DFID reserves the right to annul the process at any point and not award the contract.

Legal form to be taken by the grouping of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded - Joint and several liabilities. DFID reserves the right to require joint ventures to form a single legal entity.

**III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

**III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

**III.1.5) Information about reserved contracts****III.2) Conditions related to the contract****III.2.1) Information about a particular profession****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

**IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system****IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue****IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction****IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

**IV.2) Administrative information****IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure****IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date: 19/10/2017

Local time: 14:00

**IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates****IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:**

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 19/10/2017

Local time: 14:00

**Section VI: Complementary information****VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

**VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic payment will be used

**VI.3) Additional information:**

The Authority expressly reserves the right not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by the candidates.

Procurement documents can be accessed through the DFID Supplier portal (<https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>).

**VI.4) Procedures for review****VI.4.1) Review body**

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**VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

VI.4.4) **Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**  
15/09/2017