

CONTRACT NOTICE

SERVICES

SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

I.1) NAME, ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINT(S):

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Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained at:

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to:

I.2) TYPE OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY AND MAIN ACTIVITY 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:

Youth Skills for Economic Growth in the Eastern Caribbean

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance:

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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):

The Youth Skills for Economic Growth in the Eastern Caribbean Programme was approved in February 2016. The programme was designed following a process of conceptualisation and business case development, which was partially informed by two market engagement rounds held in 2015, which provided inputs from potential suppliers on the programme contents and approach and possible contracting methods. The Business Case for the programme sets out the rationale and basic outline of the programme, to be fully designed and implemented by a supplier under a design and implementation contract. The programme responds to needs identified by government, private sector and NGO contacts during DFID Caribbean's scoping visits in the Eastern Caribbean in 2014. The programme also helps deliver on the commitment to provide £30 m of new economic development programming for the Caribbean, which was announced as part of a £360 m development assistance commitment made by the UK Prime Minister's visit to the region in September 2015. The programme covers 4 of DFID Caribbean's 8 focus countries - 4 of the poorest Eastern Caribbean countries, where the needs on skills are particularly high, where the economic structures are more similar, and where the options for development support to fill the gaps are more limited. The programme is responding to the problems of low growth and high unemployment in the Caribbean, particularly among youth. Growth rates in the Caribbean have been very low for decades, and in more recent times following the global economic crisis, growth rates have been generally negative or marginally positive. Youth unemployment in the Eastern Caribbean is very high, in many cases about twice the overall unemployment rate and among the highest in the world, with rates of between 34 and 42%. Many young people in the Caribbean face a very challenging transition from school to work, and can face years of unemployment or underemployment. High youth unemployment

represents lost potential contributions to economic development, and is also associated with a higher risk of involvement in violence and crime, especially among young men. Inadequate skill development is seen as a barrier to growth and employment in the Caribbean. There are 'skills gaps' in the Caribbean workforce which impede productivity and innovation, and constrain the ability of firms to enter new sectors, to grow and to create employment. Despite relatively high levels of investment in education and basic education access, there are issues in the quality of education, and there is a "mismatch" between the outputs of the education system and the requirements of the labour market. Employers in the region cite the lack of skills as a major constraint to investment, growth and competitiveness. The programme also takes due account of the social dimensions of the skills problem in the Caribbean context – poverty, gender and disability. National poverty rates in the Eastern Caribbean are relatively high, and young people are over-represented among the poor. Inequality is also a major challenge in the Caribbean context. Poverty is linked to education and skills in two directions. Persons from poor or disadvantaged households are more likely to lack skills for a variety of reasons (e.g. early school drop-out for economic reasons, limited parental involvement in education and inability to afford training outside of school system). Lack of skills contributes to unemployment which in turn can lead to poverty.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary:

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

NO

II.1.8) Division into lots:

NO

II.1.9) Variants will be accepted:

NO

II.2) QUANTITY OR SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT

II.2.1) Total quantity or scope:

Estimated value excl. VAT: 10000000

Currency: GBP

II.2.2) Options:

Subject to requirement by DFID and satisfactory performance of the supplier, the contract may be extended for a further 24 months

II.3) DURATION OF THE CONTRACT OR TIME-LIMIT FOR COMPLETION:

Duration in months: 48 (From the award of contract).

SECTION III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

III.1) CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT

III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required:

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

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

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:

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

III.2.3) Technical capacity:

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:

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:

NO

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:

Minimum: 5

Maximum: 8

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 the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document.

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:

7774

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:

21. 11. 2016 - 14:00

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

16. 12. 2016

IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up:

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):

6

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.2) CONTRACT RELATED TO A PROJECT AND/OR PROGRAMME FINANCED BY EU FUNDS:

No

VI.3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

VI.4) PROCEDURES FOR APPEAL

VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures:

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: