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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/>  
Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development/about/procurement/>

##### **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 to 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**

General public services

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

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

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

Harnessing the Transformative Potential of Education Technology to Increase Learning Outcomes for All  
Reference number: PO 7499

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

75211200

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

Services

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

Education is fundamental to development. Evidence highlights that education can enhance economic growth, and has most impact if children are both in school and learning. Learning propels education's transformational potential, contributing to better governance, peace, democracy, political stability and prosperity. The progress

over the past decade in getting children into school shows what sustained national and international investment can achieve, but more needs to be done to ensure all girls and boys are in school and learning

The Department for International Development (DFID) is seeking to appoint an experienced and dynamic Directorate to design, manage and implement a £19.9 million multi-country Research and Innovation Hub on Technology for Education (the 'Hub') over eight years

**II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 29 900 000.00 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)**

73000000

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKM95

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

We face a global learning crisis and at present, over 260m children of primary and secondary school age are out-of-school, many of whom are marginalised and hard to reach. Of those in primary school in developing countries, up to one third are still not achieving basic levels of reading and writing even after four years of teaching . Even in more developed middle-income countries, the large majority of students are unable to reach levels of learning that are standard in OECD countries. Although the international community has prioritised learning in recent years, the challenge is massive and progress on raising attainment is slow. The International Commission on Financing Global Education Opportunities (the Education Commission) has described this situation as the "civil rights challenge of our generation", and called for the world to take advantage of this turning point to "create a learning generation".

The Department for International Development (DFID) is seeking to appoint an experienced and dynamic Directorate to design, manage and implement a £19.9 million multi-country Research and Innovation Hub on Technology for Education (the 'Hub') over eight years . The global multi-disciplinary Hub will bring together experts in technology, education, research and innovation to answer the questions:

- o What works', (and what doesn't) to accelerate, spread and scale education technology interventions to deliver better learning outcomes for all children, including the most marginalised , in developing countries?, and
- o Which education technology interventions present the greatest value for money and social return on investment?

The objective of the Hub is to provide decision makers with evidence to harness the transformative potential of technology to improve the delivery and governance of education for all. There should be a focus on reaching the most marginalised. DFID aims that this Hub supports and directs pioneering technologies with real potential to transform the education sector. The Hub will increase research standards to provide strong evidence on the use of technology in education in a timely and accessible manner. It is to go beyond simply understanding the effectiveness of technology, and instead to understand the genuine potential technology has 'to work' in challenging and constrained environments.

The Hub will generate evidence across two main strands:

- o Country Research strand: This strand will research the impact on teaching and learning of Ed Tech interventions at-scale. By 'at-scale' we refer to the 5th and 6th stages in the International Development Innovation Alliance (IDIA) architecture of scale model , as outlined in Annex B. This will mean in-depth and

rigorous research of interventions that have already had a proven impact on teaching and/or learning outcomes and are now being implemented at larger scale. This country research will take place in at least three DFID priority countries. Country based research teams should include world class researchers deeply embedded in-country, to facilitate impact of research findings and ensure cost data and financial evaluation is fed into current programmes, and;

o Growth-stage Innovative strand: This strand will identify and evaluate Ed Tech interventions at 'growth' stage, i.e. where the technology has been designed and tested and the focus is now on researching its impact on learning outcomes, through methods such as lean impact. By 'growth stage' we refer to the 3rd and 4th IDIA stages of scale, as outlined in Annex B. This will mean using grassroots outreach to identify promising and emerging initiatives and to accelerate the potential of interventions that work: i.e. to identify, test, adapt, iterate and validate through learning, supporting their journey to scale. Evidence will be generated through new approaches to ensure iterative and validated learning that is user-centred. The evidence should be disseminated in real-time and be used to inform h

**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**

Value excluding VAT: 29 900 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in days: 120

This contract is subject to renewal: no

**II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 5

Maximum number: 8

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Mandatory and discretionary exclusion, economic and financial standing, technical and professional ability, modern slavery act 2015, tenderers past performance, duty of care, international aid transparency initiative, acceptance of DFID Terms and Conditions and DFID Statement of Priorities and expectations / Code of Conduct, as outlined within the Standard Selection Questionnaire (SQ) Supplier Information and Instructions. 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 reasons why that has not occurred in relation to any such contract, will not recur in the performance of the contract to be awarded. A tenderer that fails to meet this selection criteria will not proceed further in this competition.

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

Delivery of the full service (following a design period) will be 96 months from the date of commencement. Up to 6 months will be allowed for programme design before full service delivery commences. The option to extend up to 24 months will be included.

**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: no

**II.2.14) Additional information**

This contract will be governed by English Law. Prices are not required at the 'Standard Selection Questionnaire (SQ)' stage, however, when required, prices must be quoted in GBP. All payment 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.

**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:

See document PO 7749 'Standard Selection Questionnaire (SQ) Supplier Information and Instructions' for details.

**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:**

Refer to Procurement Documents

**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**

Restricted 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: yes

**IV.2) Administrative information****IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number in the OJ S: [2016/S 195-352306](#)

**IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date: 15/12/2017

Local time: 14:00

**IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

Date: 19/01/2018

**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**

**Section VI: Complementary information**

**VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

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

**VI.3) Additional information:**

The Authority expressly reserves the right (1) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and (ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit tot he content and structure of the tendering competition; 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**

Gerry O'Connor, Department for International Development  
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East Kilbride  
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United Kingdom

**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:**

08/11/2017