

# **DfE Skills Bootcamps Dynamic Purchasing System**

## **Supplier Information Document**

The purpose of this document is to provide key information to potential suppliers regarding the launch of the Skills Bootcamps DPS (Dynamic Purchasing System).

It provides information about the DPS and key indicative dates.

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

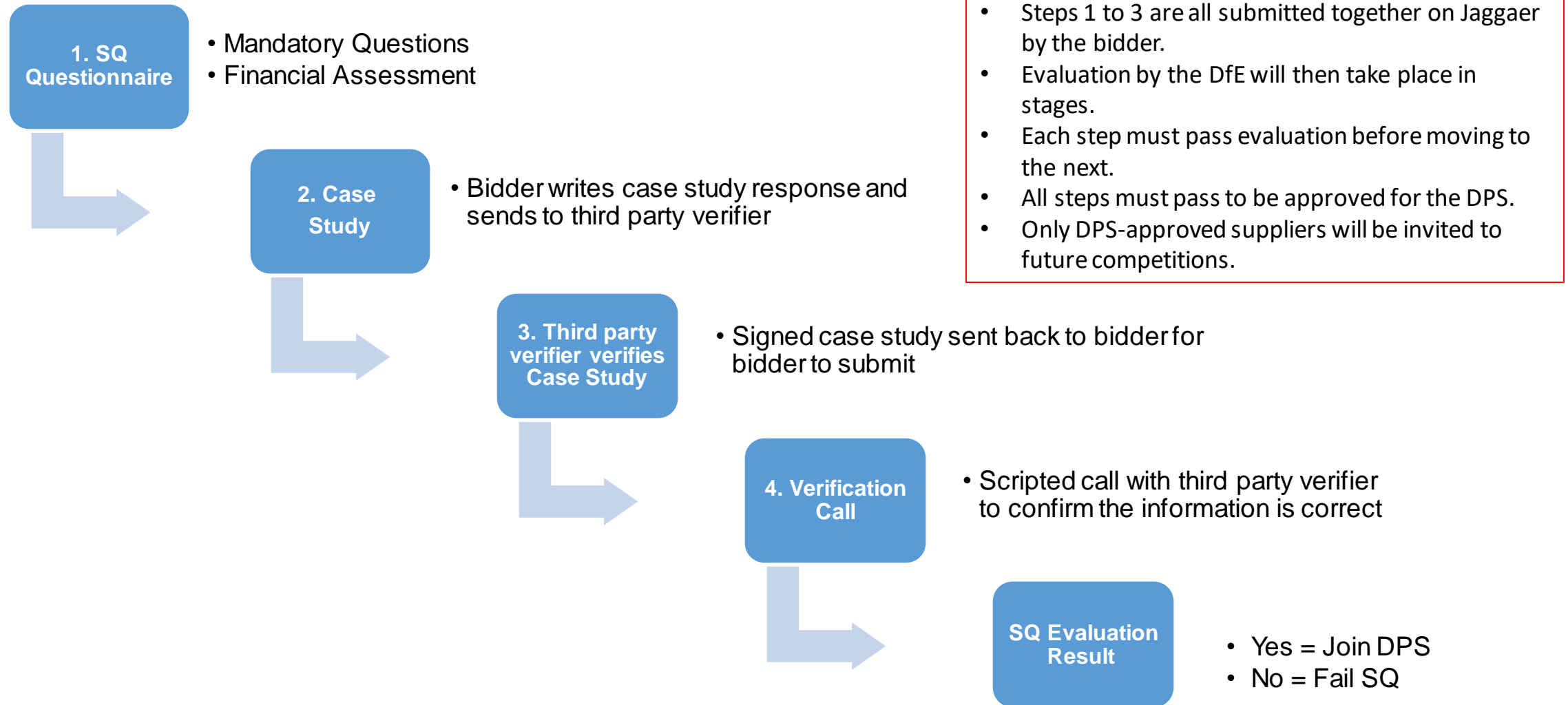
# Skills Bootcamps DPS

- A Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) is an electronic procurement system that can be set-up by a contracting authority (in this case, the DfE) to contract for works, services and goods. Suppliers apply to join the DPS, and then compete for contracts through competitions.
- What are the benefits of the DPS?
  - The DPS will streamline procurement for suppliers and the DfE. The first stage requires suppliers to answer standard queries, to demonstrate their capability and suitability to deliver a Skills Bootcamp/s. If the supplier becomes qualified, they don't have to repeat this for each DPS call-off competition.
  - DfE will activate new categories during the DPS lifetime in response to changing skills needs. Suppliers can then update their details to include any additional categories they can deliver in.
- The first competition will be for Skills Bootcamps in digital skills in early 2023.
- Existing suppliers currently delivering a Skills Bootcamp can apply to join the DPS. This won't impact current contracts to deliver Skills Bootcamps.

# Please apply as soon as possible to the DPS if delivering a Skills Bootcamp in digital skills

- The first competition will be for Skills Bootcamps in digital skills early 2023.
- If you are planning to bid to become a supplier for a Skills Bootcamp in digital skills, please apply as soon as possible **when the DPS is launched on 21st November 2022.**
- This is so that your application can be processed by the time the first competition is likely launched in January 2023.
- Suppliers will only be invited to the first call off competition if their application has been processed and approved.
- If you are interested in delivering a Skills Bootcamp focused on other types of skills, you should register onto the DPS from February 2023.
- Future competitions that are planned, including further activity later in 2023 will be communicated to the market via a PIN in plenty of time to register ahead of those competitions.

# DPS Supplier Qualification (SQ) – Process Overview



# Indicative Skills Bootcamps DPS timelines

Event	Activity	Indicative Dates (subject to change)
<b>Draft Dynamic Purchasing Agreement</b>	Document will be published and available in Jaggaer for review	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
<b>Market Engagement Event</b>	Webinar to share further information on the DPS process with suppliers	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
<b>DPS launch</b>	Suppliers who can deliver Skills Bootcamps in digital skills should apply at this stage. These applications will be prioritised for processing by the DfE	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2022
<b>First DPS applications</b>	Suppliers of the Skills Bootcamps in digital skills should apply as soon as possible if they want to compete in the upcoming competition	ASAP after launch
<b>First call-off competition</b>	Qualified suppliers in the relevant categories are invited to bid	Early 2023
<b>Further DPS applications</b>	Suppliers of all five active categories apply for the DPS	February 2023 onwards
<b>First contract(s) award and mobilisation</b>	Contracts awarded to successful bidders for Skills Bootcamps in digital skills following the first competitions run via the DPS. Mobilisation activity commences	Summer 2023
<b>First contract delivery</b>	Contract delivery of Skills Bootcamps in digital skills commences.	Autumn 2023
<b>Further competitions</b>	Qualified suppliers in further categories invited to bid	Autumn/Winter 2023