**Teaching and Leadership Innovation Fund Round 1**

**Description and further information**

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Contracts for projects which will support more and better provision of teachers’ continuing professional development (CPD) and Leadership Development, focussed on challenging areas and schools.

The Teaching and Leadership Innovation Fund (TLIF), announced by the Secretary of State for Education in October 2016, aims to improve pupil outcomes in priority areas by:

* Stimulating more and better provision of teachers’ CPD and Leadership Development in challenging areas and schools;
* Stimulating demand for provision of teachers’ CPD and Leadership Development in challenging areas and schools;

Support development of a sustainable market in CPD and Leadership Development that will be capable of becoming self-funding in the future

The Department for Education expects to run a limited number of TLIF bidding rounds during the current spending review period (ending March 2020). This contract notice pertains to **Round 1 only**.

In TLIF Round 1, we will be seeking evidence-based proposals for teachers’ CPD and/or Leadership Development, which would be ready to deliver to participants from not later than January 2018.

Bidders must be able to deliver at scale (details are set out in the specification), and bids must set out the reach and how the programmes will be delivered and targeted towards geographical areas. These include the DfE’s 12 Opportunity Areas[[1]](#footnote-1) and local authority districts identified as category 5 and 6 in DfE’s work on Achieving Excellence Areas – see

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/defining-achieving-excellence-areas-methodology](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/defining-achieving-excellence-areas-methodology)

These awards will be within geographic Lots across England– these being Lot 1: National, Lot 2: North, Lot 3: Central and Lot 4: South. The Authority’s expectation is to award contracts so as to achieve coverage across all Lots. Bidders can bid for each, any or all Lots, which will be evaluated for award individually by Lot. The Lots will be based on a common set of requirements. A single proposal is sought regardless of the number of Lots being bid for and a separate Financial Model return will be required for each Lot.

In the event a Bidder is awarded Lot 1 the National Lot (Lot 1) then they will not be awarded further Lots.

No bidders will be awarded more than two of the regional Lots.

**Estimated total value:**

The total value of the Teaching and Leadership Innovation Fund is £75m. The Authority’s current thinking is to award no more than £10 million (inclusive of any VAT) for any given contract within any Lot over its lifetime under this first Round.

**Duration of the contracts**

The estimated start date for the contracts is June 2017 with end dates to be agreed with successful contractors but anticipated to be in line with the current spending review period, which ends in March 2020. DfE reserves the right at its absolute discretion to extend the contract, subject to satisfactory contractor performance, Government support and funding.

**Start**: Mid-June 2017

**End**: Dates will vary from contract to contract.

**Additional information**

A supplier WebEx Event will take place at 14:30 on 30 March for interested organisations to gain a better understanding of the TLIF scheme. Details of how to register for this event are provided in the Authority’s documentation. This event will be recorded and the recording made available in Redimo2.

This procurement relates to educational training services which fall within Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and, as such, it will be conducted under the Light Touch Regime (LTR) as provided for in regulations 74 to 76 of the 2015 Regulations. The procurement will use an adapted version of the open procedure which, subject to the quality of compliant bids received, may involve DfE entering into bid clarification and contract agreement discussions with one or more suppliers. This may cover for example – and this is illustrative – elements of the proposal concerning the final contract agreement’s terms; arrangements where more than one contract is awarded in a geographic Lot; the plan for and any acceleration of delivery; the engagement with the independent evaluators; and general governance. Details of the evaluation approach are set out in the Evaluation Criteria document and the Invitation to Bid.

The invitation to bid will be launched and managed through the DfE e-procurement system, REDIMO2. Bidders who are not already registered on REDIMO2, will need to register their company details on the DfE e-procurement portal in order to access this tender opportunity. Information about how to register is available at:

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/account/login/?cid=DFE>

Indicative key dates for this procurement activity:

* 24 March 2017 — issue of invitation to tender via REDIMO2;
* 09:00 on Tuesday 2 May 2017 — deadline date for bids;
* Mid-June 2017 — indicative contract award (subject to agreement with DfE Ministers).

This bid will be Lotted. The procurement shall have four Lots those being:

Lot 1 – National, being the whole of England which is in the scope

Lot 2 – North of England

Lot 3 – Central England

Lot 4 – South of England

Bidders shall be able to bid for any or all Lots. The rules and arrangements for the procurement are contained in the Invitation to Bid documents

**Previous publication concerning this procedure**

* The Prior Information Notice was published on 16/02/2017 in the Official Journal of the European Union:

<http://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:63302-2017:TEXT:EN:HTML&src=0>

* And in Contracts Finder:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/2c427176-4c7f-43b7-ab75-0f328e3c5d2c>

DfE will use an e-tendering system (REDIMO2- see above to register and take part in section 4) in this procurement exercise and reserves the right to use reverse auction. DfE considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of bidders will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement, and the contract will be awarded on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender.

 If the potential supplier bidding for the requirement is part of a consortium joint venture or special purpose vehicle (SPV), DfE will require full details of the consortium joint venture or SPV.

Please e-mail our helpdesk Commercial.contactpoint@education.gov.uk if you have any queries with registering your details on REDIMO2.

All potential suppliers are strongly advised to review comprehensively the Terms and Conditions of the draft contract (supplied with the Authority’s documents) and the department’s security policy.

DfE reserves the right to terminate any agreement should funding be withdrawn, changed or there is a significant change in government policy relating to the delivery of the programme and outputs required as part of this contract, by giving at least 3 months' prior written notice.

DfE reserves the right in its absolute discretion to abandon, terminate or suspend any or all of this procurement at any time. Further:

* DfE does not bind itself to enter into any contract(s) arising out of the procedures envisaged by this contract notice;
* No contractual rights express or implied arise out of this contract notice or the procedures envisaged by it;
* DfE reserves the right to vary its requirements and the procedure relating to the conduct of the award process; and
* DfE reserves the right to amend dates and deadlines and to update the procurement timetable. Applicants and Tenderers will be notified as appropriate.

Bid costs – Applicants shall be fully responsible for and liable for all costs associated with and arising out of or in connection with responding to this contract notice. In no circumstances shall DfE be responsible for or liable to any applicant for any cost incurred by such applicant in responding to this contract notice, any pre-qualification questions or any tender howsoever incurred.

1. These are: Hastings/East Sussex; Norwich/Norfolk; Scarborough/North Yorkshire; West Somerset/Somerset; Ipswich/Suffolk; Fenland and East Cambridgeshire/Cambridgeshire; Blackpool; Derby; Stoke-on-Trent; Oldham; Doncaster and Bradford. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)