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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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/>

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:

Punjab Education Sector Programme II (PESP II) Technical Assistance
Reference number: PO 7957

II.1.2) Main CPV code

75211200

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description:

The PESP II programme supports the Government of Punjab (GoPb) to deliver equitable access to better quality education across the whole province through a range of interventions designed to ensure more children are in school, staying longer and learning more. The programme provides support to GoPb to meet its Education

Roadmap Goals for 2018, which targets improving enrolment and access, teaching quality, schools and teachers and working with low cost private schools. The GoPb and DFID priorities are closely aligned and support through PESP II has enabled DFID to influence the government's education reform agenda. The programme will be delivered through a supplier in close collaboration with DFID, GoPb and various school education departments. The overall impact of the programme will be to have more educated people in Punjab making a social and economic contribution, measured through literacy rates of 10-15 year olds.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 9 500 000.00 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)

75110000

75130000

80000000

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code: UKM95

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

The Department for International Development's (DFID) mission is to help eradicate poverty in the world's poorest countries through achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We support economic transformation that shifts economic activity into higher productivity sectors that will attract investment, growth and create jobs for women and men. Our focus is on inclusive growth that improves opportunities for the poorest: ensuring that the benefits of growth and access to economic opportunities are spread broadly across society so that no one is left behind.

The DFID funded PESP II programme is supporting the GoPb to reform and transform the delivery of education in Punjab with an objective of "getting more children into school, learning more and staying longer". DFID Pakistan overall contributes to about 23% of manifesto education commitments, whereas PESP II contributes 50% of DFID Pakistan contributions.

There will be no Lots for this requirement as this part of the programme covers only the Technical Assistance component of the PESP II programme. There will be one selected lead provider with its consortium of partners who will be expected to deliver the technical assistance to the GoPb in the key areas identified in the terms of reference for this task.

The estimated value of the initial requirement is £8.5M GBP there may be the possibility of a 6 month extension to the 28 month contract period , with an estimated value of £1M. The award criteria will be the most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the procurement documents.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Weighting / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 40

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 9 500 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 28

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 requirements, minimum insurance requirements, tenderer's 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 in document '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 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. A tenderer that fails to meet this selection criterion 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 transition/handover period will be 28 months from date of commencement of contract. Up to 1 month will be allowed for the Transition/Handover period before full service delivery commences. Up to 6 months extension option 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 SQ stage, however, when required, prices must be quoted in GBP. 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.

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:

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: See document PO 7957 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 the 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: [2017/S 070-133513](#)

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

Date: 18/10/2017

Local time: 14:00

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

Date: 02/11/2017

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 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.

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

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Abercrombie House, Eaglesham Road

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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:**

11/09/2017