

DfE Skills Bootcamps– provision for Skills Bootcamps in HGV Driving

Department for Education

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Opportunity

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Contract summary

Industry

80000000 Education and training services

Location of contract

England

Procurement reference

Call for competition contract(s) to provide increased HGV driver training and licences to create a pipeline of 'road-ready' individuals to fill vacancies in the road haulage industry.

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22/10/2021

Contract Value £34,000,000

Contract Type

Services

Contract is suitable for SMEs?

Yes

Contract is suitable for VCSEs?

Yes

Description

1. The Department for Education previously issued a Prior Information Notice (PIN) informing the market of its intention to carry out a procurement exercise to provide Skills Bootcamps to increase the delivery of HGV driver training and licences to create a pipeline of 'road-ready' individuals to fill vacancies in the road haulage industry.

The notices was published 27/09/2021 on: Find a tender Service, publication reference: <https://education.app.jaggaer.com/esop/toolkit/notice/showCode.do?noticeId=992357#and>. Contracts Finder publication reference: <https://education.app.jaggaer.com/esop/toolkit/notice/showNationalData.do?noticeId=992358#fh>

2. The purpose of this Notice is to inform the market of the Department for Education's intention to commence a call for competition and invite bid submissions through Invitation to Tender, from suitably qualified and experienced HGV Training Providers; awarding contractual agreements to one or more Economic Operators to facilitate HGV driver coverage. The awarded Economic Operators will work closely with the Department to provide Skills Bootcamps to increase the delivery of HGV driver training and licences to create a pipeline of 'road-ready' individuals to fill vacancies in the road haulage industry.
3. Skills Bootcamps aim to secure benefits for adults aged 19+ by giving them access to in-demand skills training and a guaranteed interview with a local employer. The aim is to enable the learner to secure a more sustainable job and higher wages over time. Employers benefit from filling skills shortage vacancies and so becoming more productive, more quickly. Learning and evaluation from these initiatives will inform the development of the [National Skills Fund](#) (please click link).
4. The Department for Education is seeking to increase the number of 'road ready' individuals to move into HGV driver positions. As a supplier you will engage with employers in the industry to secure interviews for your graduates and support them to perform well (or your own organisation in the case of employers training their own employees or training potential new recruits).
5. Suppliers must deliver the full process from recruitment of learners, through to the offer a job interview, and including, the entire training and licensing process required to become an HGV Driver.
 - a. HGV Bootcamps encompasses new drivers through to return to wheels or further development of existing drivers providing training for up to 5000 participants;
 - b. Contracts will be for delivery of Services relating to Skills Bootcamps in HGV Driving from December 2021 to 31 March 2022 for pathways D to I and 30th November 2022 for pathways A to C.
 - c. Contracts will include potential for extension beyond the initial contract period for a further 12 months, subject to the Department's financial settlement at the Spending Review, Supplier performance, future policy development and vacancy and training demand. Any contract extension is at the sole discretion of the Authority.
 - d. Variant bids should not be made and will not be accepted.

6. PLEASE NOTE: THE MAXIMUM VALUE THAT CAN BE AWARDED THROUGH CONTRACTS ARISING FROM THIS PROCUREMENT INCLUDING ALL POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS IS £34,000,000.00. EXTENSIONS WILL BE AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION.

This is an accelerated Open procedure utilising LTR provisions. Justification:

7. This procurement is subject to lighter regulation in accordance with, Section 74-76 of the PCR 2015 Regulations refers and as such is not subject to the full requirements of The Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The 'accelerated' procedure is in reference to the required delivery time scales.
8. The Authority is using an accelerated timetable under section 74-76 'LTR' for this procurement to increase at pace the quantity of HGV drivers to meet the increased demand of service pressures within supply chains caused by a variety of reasons including consequences from Covid-19 pandemic. Using an accelerated timetable for this procurement, will enable the Authority to award contracts to potential Contractors and commence respective training programmes, advertising training packages to general public and to start onboarding by November 2021 to tackle the sector challenges.
9. The Department is issuing the Invitation to Tender and full tender package via the Jaggaer portal <https://education.app.jaggaer.com> (please click link). No hard copy documents will be issued and all communications with the Authority (including submission of Tender responses) must be conducted via the e-Sourcing Portal.
10. Interested suppliers must ensure they are registered on the Jaggaer portal in order to participate in this procurement. Please ensure that the person who will be conducting the communications for your bid is the official contact in your Jaggaer registration.
11. All associated bidder questions and/or clarifications must be communicated through the Jaggaer E-Sourcing portal, adhering to Public Contracts Regulations 2015, section 18, transparency requirements
12. The publication of this notice does not constitute any commitment by the Department for Education to award funding and commits only to the call for competition and subsequent invitation to tender.