

United Kingdom-Coventry: Education and training services
OJ S 91/2020 11/05/2020
Contract award notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Education and Skills Funding Agency
Postal address: Cheylesmore House, Quinton Road
Town: Coventry
NUTS code: UKG West Midlands (England)
Postal code: CV1 2WT
Country: United Kingdom
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Telephone: +44 12345678
Internet address(es):
Main address: <https://education.app.jaggaer.com>

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5. Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

Coordinating and Delivering Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge for Schools (ASK) in the North Region

II.1.2. Main CPV code

80000000 Education and training services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

The ESFA is looking to award a single supplier or consortium to deliver the ASK programme for the North Region. The ESFA wants to encourage applications from a range of providers to promote evidence-based innovation and support the development of a sustainable market.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7.

Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 3 110 000,00 GBP

II.2. Description

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKC North East (England)

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The ASK Programme aims to assist schools with their statutory duty to provide impartial careers advice and guidance to young people by providing them with a bespoke package of comprehensive information about apprenticeships.

Schools can access a variety of support including student awareness sessions, CPD for teachers, parent events and live broadcasts. The ASK Programme supports the Apprenticeship reform programme, benefits realisation strategy and communications objectives through the Fire it Up campaign. It is about improving awareness and boosting perceptions of apprenticeships, driving growth in applications and supporting progression and increasing 16-18 starts.

This is the first time that the programme has included KS3, for those students in year 7, 8, 9 as historically the ASK Programme has been for years 10, 11 and 12 and 13.

There are 3 strands to the wider ASK Programme and all are essential to the delivery of the ASK Programme:

— ASK service delivery programme (the ASK Services to which this procurement refers) — being the delivery partners contracted to deliver face to face sessions to students, teachers and parents.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80 %

Cost criterion - Name: Understanding and Acceptance of Funding available / Weighting: 20 %

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

As shown in the procurement documentation there is the option to extend annually for a further 2 years. The total value for the contract shown at II.2.6) includes the value for this option but exercising the option is subject to continuing availability of funding, contractor performance and continuing government priorities and therefore the 2 year option monies are not guaranteed to be available at this time.

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

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

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: [2019/S 142-349695](#)

IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system

IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

Section V: Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

02/01/2020

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: B L Training Ltd

Postal address: 1st Floor, 11 Nelson Street

Town: Newcastle-upon-Tyne

NUTS code: UKC North East (England)

Country: United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME: no

V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Total value of the contract/lot: 2 164 000,00 GBP

V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3. Additional information

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: High Court

Postal address: Royal Court of Justices, The Strand

Town: London

Country: United Kingdom

VI.4.3. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

The contracting authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point that information on the award of the contracts is communicated to suppliers.

Unsuccessful suppliers shall be informed by the contracting authority as soon as possible after the decision has been made. If an appeal regarding the award of the contract has not been successfully resolved. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No 102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by the breach of the rules to take legal action. Any such action must be brought within the applicable limitation period. Where a contract has not been entered into, the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the contracting authority to amend any document and may award damages. If the contract has been entered into the Court may, depending on the circumstances, award damages, make a declaration of ineffectiveness, order the contracting authority to pay a fine, and/or order that the duration of the contract is shortened. The purpose of the standstill period referred to above is to allow the parties to apply to the Courts to set aside the award decision before the contract is entered into.

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

07/05/2020