

**United Kingdom-Liverpool: Education and training services**

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**Contract notice****Services****Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service, part of the Crown

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Main address: <http://www.gov.uk/ccs>

**I.2. Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3. Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/s/>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via:

<https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

**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**

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**II.1. Scope of the procurement****II.1.1. Title**

Professional Economist Integrated Degree Apprenticeship

Reference number: RM6107

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

80000000 Education and training services

### **II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4. Short description**

Crown Commercial Service as the Authority is putting in place a pan government Framework Agreement for use by UK public sector bodies identified at V1.3, which include Central Government departments and their agencies, non-departmental public bodies, NHS bodies and local authorities. Contracting Authorities funded by public money are under scrutiny, and to ensure the delivery of excellent public service it is important that they have access to the right quality apprenticeship training.

This procurement is a single supplier framework.

This procurement relates to training and related services for the delivery of the Professional Economist Integrated Degree Apprenticeship – which are Educational services listed in Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations (PCR) 2015 as a specific service.

The procurement is being conducted under the Light Touch Regime ('LTR') therefore subject to limited regulation and will be conducted in accordance with regulations 74 to 76 PCR 2015.

### **II.1.5. Estimated total value**

### **II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

## **II.2. Description**

### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

75100000 Administration services

### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

Crown Commercial Service as the Authority are working with the Government Economic Service (GES) support team in HM Treasury to establish a single supplier Framework Agreement for Professional Economist Integrated Degree Apprenticeships. As the largest employer of economists in England the GES are committed to employing Professional Economist Apprentices. The Professional Economist Apprenticeship entry route is seen as the important new pillar of the GES Recruitment Strategy and will have parity of esteem with the established Fast Track and Main Stream entry routes. The apprenticeship route is considered a vital part of the GES's drive to ensure that the economics profession continues to attract the brightest and the best from all backgrounds.

Through this Framework Agreement it is the GES intention to form an enduring professional relationship with a single training provider to deliver all of the Professional Economist Integrated Degree Apprenticeship Training for GES member organisations. Current indications are that 75 apprentices will be recruited for August 2019 starts and this may grow in subsequent years.

To participate in this procurement potential providers must be registered on the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) Register of Apprenticeship Training Providers (RoATP), must have three years' experience of delivering an Economics degree programme and currently offer an L100 programme.

The scope will include the Apprenticeship Standards as published in the Specification, Attachment 4a, and the Supplier shall retain throughout the Framework period Silver, or Gold Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) outcomes.

Tenders submitted by consortia are welcome for this Procurement.  
The duration of the Framework Agreement set out in II.2.7) is the Initial Framework Period of 2 years. There are also two additional 1 year extension options available in that Framework Agreement.

**II.2.5. Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

**II.2.6. Estimated value**

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

Duration in months: 24

This contract is subject to renewal: no

**II.2.10. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

**II.2.11. Information about options**

Options: no

**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 III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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**III.1. Conditions for participation**

**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

**Section IV: Procedure**

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**IV.1. Description**

**IV.1.1. Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement  
Framework agreement with a single operator

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

Date: 06/08/2018 Local time: 15:00

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

**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**  
Date: 06/08/2018 Local time: 15:00

**Section VI: Complementary information**

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**VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

**VI.2. Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used  
Electronic invoicing will be accepted  
Electronic payment will be used

**VI.3. Additional information**

The value provided in Section II.1.5) is only an estimate. We cannot guarantee to potential providers any business through this Framework Agreement.

As part of this Contract Notice the following documents can be accessed on the Contracts Finder website:

- 1) Contract Notice Transparency Information for the Agreement;
- 2) Contract Notice Authorised Customer List;
- 3) Rights Reserved for CCS Framework.

Go to URL: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/e6ab8fae-8242-4cc3-bc6a-bc556851d244>

Registering for access:

This procurement will be managed electronically via the BravoSolution eSourcing tool. This will be the route for sharing all information and communicating with potential providers. If you have recently registered on the BravoSolution portal for another CCS procurement you can use the same account for this new procurement. If not, you will first need to register your organisation on the portal.

To register, you will need to:

- 1) Go to the URL: <https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk>;
- 2) Select the link "I am a new supplier user";
- 3) Read and agree to the portal user agreement;
- 4) Complete the registration form, providing information including:
  - the full legal name of your organisation,
  - your company registration number,
  - your DUNS number — a unique nine-digit number provided to organisations free of charge by Dun and Bradstreet,
  - user and contact details.

Once you have registered on the BravoSolution eSourcing tool, you will be able to express your interest in this specific procurement. Your registered user will receive a notification email to alert them once this has been done.

Note: If you require additional users from your organisation to see the Invitation to Tender ITT, do not repeat the above process as this will create a new separate organisation account; instead the registered user can add additional users to the existing supplier organisation account via "User Management" > Manage Users" > "Users" > "Create".

Expressing an interest:

To express your interest in this procurement:

1) Login to the BravoSolution eSourcing Suite portal: <https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk>;

2) On the dashboard select the link ITTs Open to All Suppliers;

3) On the "ITTs Open to All Suppliers" webpage you will see one or more procurements listed, click on the procurement name you wish to access;

4) Click on Express Interest at the top of the next screen;

5) You can now access the published documents in the BravoSolution portal.

For assistance please contact the eSourcing Help-desk operated by BravoSolution by email at [help@bravosolution.co.uk](mailto:help@bravosolution.co.uk) or call 0800 069 8630.

#### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service

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Town: Norwich

Postal code: NR7 0HS

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##### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

09/07/2018