

United Kingdom-Coventry: Education and training services

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Contract notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Education and Skills Funding Agency

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Town: Coventry

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Country: United Kingdom

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Internet address(es):

Main address: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

Address of the buyer profile: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education

I.3. Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://education.app.jaggaer.com>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://education.app.jaggaer.com>

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

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.1.5. Estimated total value

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKZ Extra-Regio NUTS 1

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,

— amazing apprenticeships — includes the schools' resources portal, ASK CRM system, Young Apprenticeship Ambassador Network (YAAN) portal, Vacancy Snapshot, Schools Workforce Development.

Note: Bidders will be expected to work with the Amazing Apprenticeships in order to deliver the ASK delivery programme — further information can be found at Amazing Apprenticeships, — learn live — live broadcasts to showcase employer apprenticeship programmes with the opportunity for teachers and students to ask questions in a live Q&A session (together being the ASK Programme).

Evaluation has shown that 98 % of schools would recommend the ASK Programme to other schools and colleges. 79 % of teachers rated sessions as being an excellent way of raising knowledge and awareness of apprenticeships. We would expect to maintain these figures as a minimum and drive up performance in all regions.

Over 1 600 apprenticeship champions have been signed up through the ASK. These apprenticeship champions are not contractor staff, but work as advocates within their school /organisation in promoting apprenticeships to students and their peers. More information on apprenticeship champions can be found on the Amazing Apprenticeships website.

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

Value excluding VAT: 3 110 000,00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 31

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

Date: 23/08/2019 Local time: 17:00

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.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 27/08/2019 Local time: 12:00

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1.

Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

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

22/07/2019