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| Project | Development of a Subscription Website that hosts Video Training courses for Primary Schools |
| Company name | First4Maths Ltd/First4Maths Online Ltd |
| Date of Issue | 13th June 2022 |
| Reference Code | F4M043 |
| Email for Return of Complete Responses | admin@first4maths.co.uk |
| Submission Deadline | 27th June 2022 at 5pm |

## REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

## SPECIFICATION

Any questions about the procurement should be submitted by e-mail to the email address indicated at the front of this document**.**

# bACKGROUND TO Cheshire & Warrington Access to Finance & Grant Programme

The project outlined in this Request for Quotation will be part funded by the Access to Finance & Grant Programme Application Form

The grant programme is designed to support businesses in identifying and achieving their growth potential through the provision of up to 32% contribution towards the cost of projects across a wide spectrum of business disciplines.

The specification below relates to a project which may be part funded by Cheshire West & Chester Council, Warrington & Co and the European Regional Development fund. However, this will have no impact on the contractual relationship between the business letting this contract and the successful supplier.

Please note, response to this submission is at the sole cost of the supplier and is not an offer of employment.

Further information can be found at [www.blueorchid.co.uk/a2fgrant](http://www.blueorchid.co.uk/a2fgrant)

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL CORESPONDENCE REGARDING THIS PROCUREMENT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARDS THE CONTRACTING BUSINESS.**

# Background TO oRGANISATION & requirements of the brief

**Company Background**

First4Maths Ltd began trading in October 2011. Our business started as a customer facing business, supporting primary schools, teaching/planning with teachers and supporting the development of mathematics with Mathematics Subject Leaders. We run courses for teachers within schools and at external venues. In 2019 we created a set of books for teachers and sold these via our website <https://www.first4maths.co.uk>.

During the pandemic, when schools were closed to visitors, we created an online platform <https://first4maths.thinkific.com> and filmed training for school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants and tutors. This has proved successful and is an area of our business that we would like to develop further. The company that host this platform is based in America, there is no way to include VAT in our payments and there is no way of creating a subscription to include all or specific sections of our content. It is difficult to track customer engagement and usage and therefore retention of customers outside of our local area is creating a challenge for us. We would like to develop or own website that we can manage ourselves with the support of a website design and management company to enable future growth of our company.

We currently have 4 members within our team and we would like to expand our company further when our new website is fully functional.

**Requirements of the Brief**

We would like to develop an online platform in order to provide a comprehensive package of online support to our schools.

* Full build of a new website with secure hosting and e-commerce facility.
* Initial landing page will have introductory videos, testimonials, pricing structure
* A “book a call now” option linked to an online calendar to book in a tour of our website with one of our consultants.
* Ability to store online training videos and resources on the site in sections with drop down menus to enable teachers to select the appropriate training course.
* Subscription service available to customers. Different levels of subscription including full subscription to all courses.
* Ability to subscribe to elements of the website instead of the whole site.
* Ability to add additional users from within the same school to the subscription with no additional charge - potential ability to have different costs depending on the size of the school, the larger the school the more users they will be able to have.
* Dashboard for subscription customers – ability to save their current courses to their dashboard.
* Ability for First4Maths to track customer usage to enable us to support schools who are not making the most of their package and to identify when schools are coming to the end of their subscription.
* Training members of First4Maths to be able to add to the site, amend courses, liaise with customers.
* Ongoing support and management of the website once it is built and live.

**Budget - £20000**

**Expected Start Date – July 2022**

**Expected End Date – November 2022**

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| **I certify that this is a true copy of the original document.** | |
| Name | Toni Priddey |
| Signed | Text, letter  Description automatically generated |
| Position | Director |
| Date | 12th June 2022 |

**IMPORTANT**

NOTE TO SUPPLIERS

This tender includes services which will be part funded by Public Funding as such strict procurement rules apply.

In responding to this tender the following requirements apply;

* Complete the Tender Response form below. Failure to complete the form below will result in your tender being rejected.
* When completing the Tender Response Form include complete and accurate responses to the questions. Whilst supporting material may be included scoring will be conducted on the information within the form therefore responses which simply refer or link to other material may score low.
* Supporting materials e.g. CV’s must be provided as an attached or embedded file not a link to a website. Links to published online case studies are acceptable.
* All tenders must be received by the deadline in a form which cannot then be altered, as such linking to a cloud or website hosted tender response will result in your tender being rejected.
* The ERDF grant associated with this tender has a number of restrictions on its use e.g. ongoing business costs such as maintenance contracts; outsourced services; registration or certification fees. Please ensure that pricing information allows assessors to identify what costs/services are included.
* Whilst we understand that you may wish to speak to the commissioning business to discuss elements of the tender the grant application process requires that tender scoring be clearly based on written material provided within the tender response, as such we will instruct the tendering business that information provided within any calls cannot form part of their scoring decision.

SUpplier REsponse Section

**Information Only**

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| Company Name |  |
| Contact Name |  |
| Company Registration Number |  |
| VAT Number |  |
| Contact Telephone Number |  |
| E-mail address: |  |
| Web Address |  |
| List any attachments that you have included with your tender e.g. Curriculum Vitae, Organisational Background and Case Studies to support proposal. |  |
| References  *If possible, please include the contact details of two previous clients who would be willing to act as a reference to the quality of your work.* | **Reference 1.** |
| **Reference 2.** |

**Scored Response – Quality**

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| *This is a minimum threshold Question – See Evaluation Criteria in Appendix I* | | | |
| Please outline your experience in delivering the services described in the in the section titled ‘Requirements of the Brief’  **Available Marks: 10** | | | |
| INSERT NARRATIVE to clearly demonstrate how you meet the requirements of brief as set out above. (Max 3,000 words). | | | |
| Please outline your delivery plan including your approach to delivering the services described in the in the section titled ‘Requirements of the Brief’ | | | |
| INSERT NARRATIVE to clearly demonstrate how your approach will meet the requirements of brief as set out above. (Max 3,000 words). | | | |
| **Project Milestone** | **Time Required** | **Expected Completion Date** | **Total Cost for this activity** |
| 1. |  | *No of Days* |  |
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**ADD MORE ROWS IF REQUIRED**

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| **Cost** | Please provide your cost exc VAT | |
|  | Where the services being tendered include a number of separate elements, for example a Sales Project which includes a Sales & Marketing Strategy and development of an E-commerce website, please provide separate costs for each element below. | |
|  | **Type of Service,**  e*.g. Consultancy, Software, Branding, etc.* | **Cost** |
| **Element 1** |  | £ |
| **Element 2** |  | £ |
| **Element 3** |  | £ |
| **Total Cost** | | £ |

**ADD MORE ROWS IF REQUIRED**

**Payment Terms**

Please insert your preferred payment terms using the following table as guidance.

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| **Payment** | **When** | **Amount** |
| 1. | *On completion of INSERT TEXT* | £ |
| 2. | *On completion of INSERT TEXT* | £ |

Please note:

* All prices quoted shall be exclusive of Value Added Tax (VAT).
* All prices quoted shall be fixed and firm and shall apply for the full duration of the contract.
* Following that period, any requests for price changes must be accompanied by a written summary and supported by evidence to justify the proposed price change.
* No quantity or continuity of work is guaranteed to successful suppliers and this should be taken into account when completing the Pricing Schedule.
* Any daily rate indicated in the Schedule of Rates is for an 8 hour working day, during a normal working week (Monday to Friday). A half day is therefore considered as 4hrs.
* All costs are deemed to include expenses and any other on-cost.

Appendix I

# Instructions for Completion

Completed questionnaires should be submitted in electronic format and emailed to the email address given at the front of this document by the due date as outlined in Deadline for Response in the Timescales section.

Any application received after the Deadline for Response shall not be opened or considered. We may, however, in our own absolute discretion extend the Deadline and in such circumstances we will notify all applicants of any change.

You should answer all questions as accurately and concisely as possible.

Where a question is not relevant to your organisation, please state N/A (not applicable) and include a brief explanation if required. Questions must be answered in English and submitted either in Microsoft Word readable format or Adobe Acrobat PDF.

Responses will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria set out in Appendix 1. In the event that none of the responses are deemed satisfactory, wereserve the right to consider alternative procurement options.

Failure to provide the required information, make a satisfactory response to any question, or supply documentation referred to in responses, within the specified timescale, may mean that you will be excluded from further participation in the procurement.

# No Contract

No information contained in this specification or in any communication made between ourselves and any supplier in connection with this specification shall be relied upon as constituting a contract, agreement or representation that any contract shall be offered in accordance with this specification. We reserve the right, subject to the appropriate procurement regulations, to change without notice the basis of, or the procedures for, the competitive tendering process. We reserve the right to terminate the process at any time. Under no circumstances shall ourselves incur any liability in respect of this specification or any supporting documentation.

# Supplier Selection

The overall evaluation process will be conducted in a fair and equitable manner, so that we are able to consider the value for money of each proposal. This means that we may seek clarification of an application from any and all applicants; different clarification/information may be sought from different applicants.

Once we have reached a decision in respect of an award, we will notify all applicants of our decision. As this is below the OJEU financial threshold for light touch regime procurements, we do not intend to provide for a standstill period before entering into the contract.

Any attempt by applicants to influence the contract award process in any way may result in the applicant being disqualified. Specifically, applicants shall not directly or indirectly at any time:

* Devise or amend the content of their application in accordance with any agreement or arrangement with any other person (other than in good faith with a person who is a proposed partner, supplier, consortium member or provider of finance.)
* Enter into any agreement or arrangement with any other person as to the form or content of any other application, or offer to pay any sum of money or valuable consideration to any person to effect changes to the form or content of any other application.
* Enter into any agreement or arrangement with any other person that has the effect of prohibiting or excluding that person from submitting an application.
* Canvass us or any of employees or agents in relation to this tender.
* Attempt to obtain information from any of our employees, agents or our advisors concerning another application.

# Queries about the procurement

Any questions about the procurement should be submitted by e-mail to the email address indicated at the front of this document**.**

If we consider any question or request for clarification to be of such significance that all potential suppliers who have responded should be made aware of it, both the query and the response will be communicated to them, in a suitably anonymous form either by email or on the website/publication on which the tender was advertised.

All responses received and any communication from service providers will be treated in confidence.

Evaluation Criteria

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| Proposal significantly exceeds requirements and offers value added and additional services that will enhance significantly the service | 10 marks |
| Proposal exceeds requirement. Demonstrated by clear, detailed information and unequivocal evidence | 7.5 Marks |
| Proposal meets the minimum requirements. Evidence is fairly clear and convincing; minor reservations in one or more key areas | 5.0 Marks |
| Proposal significantly fails to meet the requirements. In virtually all areas there is a lack of convincing evidence which casts serious doubt about the ability to meet requirements. | 2.5 Marks |
| Responses scoring 0 will be deemed to have failed to demonstrate the minimum level of quality and will be disqualified. | 0 Marks |

Prior to evaluating Tenders, we will carry out an initial review of each Tender to confirm completeness and compliance with the Tender Requirements and may, at its discretion, reject a Tender which is incomplete and / or non-compliant. The following pre-evaluation process will be undertaken:

* **Compliance Check Stage:** to confirm completeness and compliance with the Tender Requirements. We may, at our discretion, reject a Tender which is incomplete or non-compliant. Please note the word count and any text above the word count will not be assessed.
* **Quality Assessment Score:** The quality assessment section will be assessed against the criteria set out below and each tender will be awarded a score based on their ability to demonstrate their ability to meet the tender requirements.

Responses scoring below 5 in the quality assessment will be deemed to have failed to demonstrate the minimum level of quality and will be disqualified.

* **Tender Price Score:** This is calculated using the formula shown below and a score will be awarded which reflects the cost quoted relative to the other tenders received.
* **Evaluation Stage:** We will then determine the winning tender by comparing the total scores for both the quality assessment and pricing sections.

### PRICE

In evaluating the price of tenders, the lowest price will be awarded full marks and each other proposal will be awarded a score based on the percentage difference from the lowest price, according the formula below;

See worked example below.

If the price seems abnormally low, further explanation as to the low price may be sought and evaluation of whether the quote is considered economically viable will be made.