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## **UKRI-2310 Hub Function for the UK Rare Disease Research Platform**

UK Research & Innovation

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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Main address

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**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://ukri.delta-esourcing.com/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Research

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

UKRI-2310 Hub Function for the UK Rare Disease Research Platform

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services

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

Services

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

The UK Rare Disease Research Platform (UK-RDRP) is being established by MRC and NIHR to connect and enhance the UK's strengths in rare disease research. Rare diseases are defined as diseases with a prevalence of less than one in 2000 individuals, and include disease of genetic and non-genetic origins. The aim of the Platform is to underpin greater collaboration between academic, clinical and industry research with essential patients, research charities and other stakeholders to accelerate the understanding, diagnosis and therapy of rare diseases. The Platform will support networking and activities that enable research and will comprise a number of challenge-led thematic nodes (each led by UK research organisations, e.g. universities), with a single, integrated platform Hub.

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

Value excluding VAT: £750,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM

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

This procurement exercise will commission a Hub function for the UK-RDRP, with following objectives:

- Coordinate and bring cohesion to the Platform
- Establish and maintain a website, mailing lists and social media presence for the Platform
- Provide a point of contact for external stakeholders
- Administer the Platform.

The Hub will support a set of around 10 -12 nodes (each of which will do networking and enabling science within a specified subset of rare disease research (a 'domain')) as well as providing a broad service to all UK rare disease research interests. The Nodes, Hub and all stakeholders and related interests will collectively form the Platform (the UK-RDRP).

The nodes will be funded via an open call, launching in August 2022 with decisions in March 2023 and nodes starting work in May-June 2023. The Platform is co-funded by MRC and NIHR, following MRC processes unless stated otherwise.

The Platform is one of the activities that will support the national Rare Disease Framework, in particular the 'pioneering research' theme

The Platform will be managed by a Platform Executive Board (including the funders, node directors, stakeholders and independent members).

#### **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: £750,000

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

Duration in months

60

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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

20 February 2023

Local time

2:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

20 February 2023

Local time

3:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

## **VI.3) Additional information**

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://ukri.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Swindon:-Project-management-consultancy-services./WQBQK6YT3D>

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<https://ukri.delta-esourcing.com/respond/WQBQK6YT3D>

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

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

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