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## **PS25322 - RICHeS Heritage and Conservation Science Labour Survey**

UKRI

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

PS25322

### **Description**

RICHeS seeks to gather evidence to better understand the heritage and conservation science workforce, the sector's composition, and the current labour market challenges and opportunities. This study should assess the current capacity and capability of the workforce. For the purpose of this report, capacity is defined as the current size of the workforce and the scale of its ability to conduct heritage and conservation science activities. Capability is defined as the combination of processes, tools, skills and behaviours of the workforce in relation to its ability to undertake and complete heritage and conservation science activities. The survey should complement existing workforce analyses to further our understanding of ends over time and promote a sustainable methodology, which ensures its value to future research in this area. The proposed

budget is no more than £100,000 excluding VAT.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £100,000 excluding VAT
- £120,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 11 March 2026 to 28 December 2026
- Possible extension to 11 January 2028
- 1 year, 10 months, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

2 Week optional extension with no extra budget available

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 79310000 - Market research services
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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

26 January 2026, 11:00am

### **Tender submission deadline**

4 February 2026, 11:00am

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

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Responses must be received by the date and time in the tender documentation; responses received outside of the deadline or not sent via the Jaggaer eSourcing portal will not be accepted or considered by the Contracting Authority further for this opportunity, unless a system outage is experienced, to which the Contracting Authority will advise upon accordingly. Interested organisations should ensure that they allow a sufficiency of time, prior to the deadline to allow all sections to be completed in full and any attachments to be uploaded.

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Please note it is your organisations responsibility to access these messages on a regular basis to ensure you have sight of all relevant information applicable to this opportunity.

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i. not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and

ii. to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the procurement; and under no circumstances as part of your organisations participation in this opportunity, will the Contracting Authority be liable for any costs incurred by any organisation as a result. If the Contracting Authority decides to enter into a contract with any successful organisation(s), this does not mean that there is any guarantee of subsequent contracts being awarded. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of your organisation in doing so.

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#### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

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## **Award criteria**

Most advantageous valid submission

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Below threshold - open competition

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## **Contracting authority**

### **UKRI**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDQJ-7126-JDHG

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

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## Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

### UK Shared Business services

Summary of their role in this procurement: UK Shared Business services

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## **Contact organisation**

Contact UK Shared Business services for any enquiries.