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PROCUREMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF RESEARCH SERVICES - LOT 1: AN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF UK ARMED FORCES RESERVISTS AND VETERANS ON THE LABOUR MARKET LOT 2: MERCHANT MARINERS - INVESTIGATING THE HISTORIC AND PRESENT DAY ROLE IN THE UK ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY LOT 3: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS TO UNDERSTAND THE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY NATO COUNTRIES TO THEIR ARMED FORCES VETERANS

ARMED FORCES COVENANT FUND TRUSTEE LIMITED

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.covenantfund.org.uk>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://covenantfund.org.uk/work-for-the-trust/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://covenantfund.org.uk/work-for-the-trust/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Grant making trust

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Three separate research contracts available for the following research projects: An economic analysis of the impact of UK Armed Forces Reservists and Veterans on the labour market; Merchant Mariners - investigating the historic and present day role in the UK Armed Forces community; A comparative analysis to understand the support provided by NATO countries to their Armed Forces Veterans.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

An Economic Analysis of the Impact of UK Armed Forces Reservists and Veterans on the Labour Market

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Trust is leading on this research procurement on behalf of the Office for Veterans' Affairs (OVA), which is keen to fully understand the impact of UK Armed Forces reservists and veterans on the labour market. The project aims to understand the economic value reservists and veterans add to various employment sectors and to the economy. It should identify issues where the skills of reservists and veterans aren't being fully utilised in the economy through poor job matching leading to under employment. This work may also add how reservists and veterans enter civilian employment (at any point post-service) and identify barriers and facilitators to their successful employment.

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: £94,000

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

Duration in months

12

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Merchant Mariners - Investigating the Historic and Present Day Role in the UK Armed Forces Community

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Trust is leading on this research procurement on behalf of the Office for Veterans' Affairs (OVA), which is keen to fully understand the historic and present-day role of Merchant Mariners in the UK Armed Forces community. The aims of this research are to: understand the size and composition of the cohort of current and former Merchant Mariners; to create an evidence base with regards to Merchant Mariner veterans, their role in, and contributions to UK Armed Forces operations and the wider community, and any specific issues they face; and to contribute to a more inclusive understanding of UK veterans, supporting efforts to recognise and honour the service of Merchant Mariners.

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: £62,000

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

Duration in months

12

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

A Comparative Analysis to Understand the Support Provided by NATO Countries to Their Armed Forces Veterans

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Trust is leading on this research procurement on behalf of the Office for Veterans' Affairs (OVA), which is keen to fully understand the support provided by NATO countries to their Armed Forces veterans. The purpose of this research project is to analyse and compare the support provided to veterans by individual NATO countries, focusing on housing, employment and health, to understand where the UK stands compared to its NATO counterparts. The project will provide clear, data-driven insights that can inform UK policy and identify potential opportunities for international collaboration.

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: £78,000

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

Duration in months

18

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

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Please refer to the ITT documentation.

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

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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

21 February 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

27 February 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

Please ensure that submissions for tender are made before the deadline by emailing info@covenantfund.org.uk with your tender response.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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