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## **Request for Proposal Prize Partner**

ADVANCED RESEARCH AND INVENTION AGENCY

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

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

ADVANCED RESEARCH AND INVENTION AGENCY

96 EUSTON ROAD,

LONDON

NW12DB

#### **Email**

[tenders@aria.org.uk](mailto:tenders@aria.org.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKI31 - Camden and City of London

#### **Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.aria.org.uk/supply-to-us>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.aria.org.uk/supply-to-us>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Request for Proposal Prize Partner

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

We are looking for a partner to help us design and deliver a R&D challenge prize at ARIA. This will involve working with our internal team and one Programme Director to deliver:

- + A specific prize in our robotics programme
- + A codified framework that could be used for future challenge prizes at ARIA.

The contract will run for the duration of the agreed scope. Where the partnership proves to be a good fit and there is a requirement for additional prizes beyond this initial scope, ARIA will have the option to extend the contract beyond the initial term, value and scope.

ARIA is exempt from the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR) therefore this procurement is not subject to the PCRs but is shared here for transparency.

#### **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

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

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- + A specific prize in our robotics programme
- + A codified framework that could be used for future challenge prizes at ARIA.

The ideal partner will combine expertise in prize design and delivery for transformative R&D challenges, with exceptional operational execution. They will work with us as a strategic partner on prize design and the big picture vision, advising on methodology, best practice, and available options. They will operationalise the delivery of an ARIA-branded prize, including the overarching operational plan and the nuts and bolts details. They will have experience running a variety of global challenge prizes in the UK.

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to be a good fit and there is a requirement for additional prizes beyond this initial scope, ARIA will have the option to extend the contract beyond the initial term, value and scope.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

6

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

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## **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

Mandatory:

All data to be stored within the UK or EEA

Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Plans

Cyber Essentials certification, if a bidder does not currently hold Cyber Essential Certification, bidders can in their response to this RFP, propose a date by which the certification will be obtained. This must be supported by a credible plan, setting out how the certification will be achieved by the date proposed

Confirmation of adherence with the Government's supplier Code of Conduct.

Confirmation of the embedded individual's adherence to ARIA's values and code of conduct (we will provide this to shortlisted bidders)

Desirable:

ISO 27001, Cyber Essentials Plus

#### **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

## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Competitive procedure with negotiation

#### **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

8 March 2024

Local time

4:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

Not applicable, see the ARIA Act 2022

London

Country

United Kingdom