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Tender

## **UKRI - 3747 Evaluation of the UKRI Research Infrastructure for Conservation and Heritage Science (RICHeS) project**

UK Research & Innovation

F02: Contract notice

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**3 April 2024, 2:00pm**

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

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

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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Buyer's address

[www.ukri.org](http://www.ukri.org)

**I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

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**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 - 3747 Evaluation of the UKRI Research Infrastructure for Conservation and Heritage Science (RICHeS) project

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

Services

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

The Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) is seeking an supplier to undertake an impact and process evaluation of the Research Infrastructure for Conservation and Heritage Science (RICHeS) programme. The objective of this tender is to conduct a comprehensive and rigorous evaluation of the RICHeS programme impact on the conservation and heritage science community.

The evaluation will consist of three main components an: Evaluation Framework, Process Evaluation and Impact Evaluation which includes a Baseline Report).

The Evaluation Framework aims to establish a roadmap for effectively executing the RICHeS evaluation. It will outline the methodology, key milestones and communication strategies. This framework will accommodate the scale and duration of the RICHeS programme, providing opportunities for ongoing learning, review and reflection.

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

### **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**

RICHeS is an ambitious AHRC infrastructure investment which will enable national conservation and heritage science capability and capacity for the UK. The investment is complex and long-term. It includes governance, delivery and communication functions, as well as a two tranches of funding opportunities and an ongoing access fund. The objective of this tender is to conduct a comprehensive and rigorous evaluation of the RICHeS programme impact on the conservation and heritage science community.

The evaluation will consist of three main components an: Evaluation Framework, Process Evaluation and Impact Evaluation which includes a Baseline Report).

The Evaluation Framework aims to establish a roadmap for effectively executing the RICHeS evaluation. It will outline the methodology, key milestones and communication strategies. This framework will accommodate the scale and duration of the RICHeS programme, providing opportunities for ongoing learning, review and reflection.

The Baseline and Impact Evaluation will access the pogramme's outputs, outcomes and impacts. It will explore the economic rationale for investment and document broader economic, social and sectoral impacts, including impacts on innovation.

The Impact Evaluation will be used to explore and evidence Value for Money (VfM) at a programme, project and regional level.

The Baseline Report will establish the state of the heritage science sector before the programme's investment, enabling accurate identification measurement and attribution of

the impacts, including economic ones.

The Process Evaluation aims to to inform future infrastructure investments by AHRC and UKRI. It will document the commissioning, implementation, delivery and governance processes of RICHeS; highlighting successes and areas for improvement, and extracting valuable lessons for sharing.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Criterion 1 / Weighting: 80

Cost criterion - Name: Criterion 1 / Weighting: 20

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

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

Start date

30 April 2024

End date

29 April 2029

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: Yes

Description of options

The Contract duration shall be for an initial period of 2 Years with the option to extend for a additional 3 years on a (1+1+1) basis period from commencement of the Contract.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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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: Yes

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

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

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

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

18 March 2024

Local time

2:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **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.

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

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

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