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Planning

Arts Council England's Environmental Responsibility Programme 23+

The Arts Council of England

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Grant Funding

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Arts Council England's Environmental Responsibility Programme 23+

Reference number

407 ACE ITT

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Environmental Responsibility (ER) Programme: This aim of this contract is to support the creative and cultural sector in embedding Arts Council England's (ACE) Environmental Responsibility Investment Principle (ERIP), to measure and report sector progress of carbon reduction and climate action. Progress will be demonstrated through representative sampling of those who engage with the programme. The programme will include: free-to-access Environmental Data tools and corresponding support for National Portfolio Organisations (NPO), sector development and leadership programmes, resource development and selective free-to-access content, tool and resources for the wider creative and cultural sector including individuals.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,350,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72260000 - Software-related services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 80540000 - Environmental training services
- 90700000 - Environmental 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

This notice is not a call for competition. Arts Council England intend to issue the call for competition with procurement documentation including a formal invitation to tender and contract terms on or after 07.04.2022. This notice is for information only, to allow bidders time to consider their tendering strategy and, where applicable, to discuss with joint venture partners or sub-contractors how the services may be delivered before the tender is published. Arts Council England reserves the right not to proceed with the procurement or procure the services through alternative procurement arrangements.

Bidders may also raise questions about the procurement and Arts Council England's requirements by contacting us via the Delta e-sourcing portal: <https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-London:-Environmental-services./96D3Q8K98B>

II.2.14) Additional information

If you are interested in the opportunity, please submit the typical terms and conditions that you would enter into with customers for similar services. Arts Council England may review these to help develop its own contract, but is under no obligation to incorporate any potential supplier terms into its own contract.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

7 April 2022

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

ACE is seeking a suitably qualified service provider, consortium or contractor (which may be a joint venture comprising of a number of suppliers, or a prime contractor that may sub-contract certain elements of the services) to deliver its ER programme. This programme will reflect ACE's commitment to ER and in embedding the ERIP as a positive model for sectoral development. The provider(s) will create, deliver and evaluate the programme as the main environmental partner(s) for ACE.

The programme will include, and therefore the successful provider(s) should be able to supply:

1) Environmental data tool and support. This should be available (as a minimum) to all NPO. The tool is expected to allow for historical (annual) data collection and forecasting, and if possible support the collection of qualitative data. Data - in its widest sense - is a key part of the ERIP model.

The service should include the provision of technical support, which may include a helpdesk, alongside guidance materials, webinars etc. on how to use the tool. The supplier should also support users to use the data effectively, for example guides on best practice or how data can inform environmental policy, strategies or action plans.

The collected data should be available directly to the submitting organisation as both raw data and through insights reporting (dashboards, reports etc.), as well as appropriately anonymised versions made publicly available on a regular or annual basis.

The system must be fully functional and in operation by 1 April 2023. Any required system development, testing and onboarding must be scheduled to take place before this date.

2)Sector development and/or leadership programme(s). One or more programmes that demonstrate meaningful progression within the sector and reflect the core values of the ERIP.

3)Sector wide engagement programme. Selected access to tools, resources and training for the cultural and creative sector beyond ACE's NPO. This is to support the ambitions of sector development in line with the ERIP. This could include, for example: carbon literacy training, upskilling and/or workforce development, or an accessible carbon calculator and resources on how to develop environmental actions for individuals or organisations that are not regularly funded.

4)ACE support and consultation. Provision of support to ACE including training, consultancy and maintenance of its own Action Plan and Policy.

5)Evaluation and Advocacy. The provider should have methodologies to evaluate and share progress across the above strands. This could include sector surveys, use of data gained from tools, case studies and/or other feedback loops. Sharing of evaluation could delivered through an annual report or other means, but should demonstrate progress and success in line with the expectations of the ERIP.

The systems, tools and process to deliver the above must be fully agreed, functional and in operation by 1 April 2023. Any required system development, testing and onboarding must be scheduled to take place before this date.

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

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