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## **PS22407 - Research Collaboration Network Framework**

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

F02: Contract notice

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

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

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

1 Victoria Street

London

SW1H 0ET

#### **Contact**

Professional Services

#### **Email**

[professionalservices@uksbs.co.uk](mailto:professionalservices@uksbs.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKI - London

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.uksbs.co.uk](http://www.uksbs.co.uk)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder>

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

UK Shared Business Services

SN2 1FF

Swindon

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[professionalservices@uksbs.co.uk](mailto:professionalservices@uksbs.co.uk)

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.ukpbs.co.uk](http://www.ukpbs.co.uk)

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://beisgroup.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

#### **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**

PS22407 - Research Collaboration Network Framework

Reference number

PS22407

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

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

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

Services

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

UK Shared Business Services (UK SBS), on behalf of the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS), Office for Product Safety & Standards (OPSS)

wishes to establish a Framework Agreement for the provision of Research Collaboration Network Services.

The Framework has a maximum value of £4,000,000.00 excluding VAT and the Framework term is four years.

The Framework will run on a 1+1+1+1-year basis. This means the effectiveness of the Framework will be reviewed, and future budget availability considered, towards the end of each financial year (31 March).

This OPSS Research Collaboration Network is being commissioned to support the delivery of the Office for Product Safety & Standards (OPSS) Strategic Research Programme (SRP). OPSS was established by BEIS in January 2018 in order to enhance protections for consumers and drive forward increased productivity, growth and business confidence. The OPSS SRP provides high quality, strategic, science-based research to strengthen the evidence base for OPSS policy development, delivery and enforcement.

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

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 4

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Risk

Lot No

1

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

- 79300000 - Market and economic research; polling and statistics

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

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

Risk – risk tolerance, risk communications and management, risk assessment and prioritisation

The application of risk

The application of risk is a theme bringing together research into how risk can be applied in OPSS' regulatory system. The main aims of this work include:

- I. Define, standardise and measure the risk of products to support policy and enforcement strategies.
- II. Review regulatory systems to understand when and where risk measurements should be incorporated.
- III. Incorporate risk prioritisation and management methodologies to prioritise regulatory actions.
- IV. Provide evidence to support communication campaigns.

#### **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: £4,000,000

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

Start date

3 July 2023

End date

4 June 2027

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.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Chemicals and Materials

Lot No

Lot 2

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

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

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

Chemical and Materials – Identification techniques, Characterisation techniques, exposure studies and toxicological limits.

The chemicals and materials in products theme brings together all research concerned with chemicals and materials within consumer products. It includes a number of policy and enforcement areas ranging from coatings and content of specific chemicals within materials, to developing methods to efficiently identify and measure chemicals for enforcement purposes. The aims of this research area include:

- I. Review chemicals and materials and their extent of their usage in products
- II. Develop characterisation techniques and measurement methodologies for these chemicals to support the identification and quantification of chemicals
- III. Understand exposure and chemical limits for various chemicals to feed back into regulations
- IV. Development of chemical risk assessments

#### **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: £4,000,000

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

Start date

3 July 2023

End date

4 June 2027

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No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

#### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Analytical

Lot No

3

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

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

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

Analytical - Impact analysis, market analysis and consumer/business behaviours and attitudes.

### **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: £4,000,000

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

Start date

3 July 2023

End date

4 June 2026

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.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Technology Hardware and Software

Lot No

4

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

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

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

Technology, hardware and software – Literature reviews, SWOT analysis and research testing

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

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

Value excluding VAT: £4,000,000

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

Start date

3 July 2023

End date

4 June 2026

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.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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# **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

## **III.1) Conditions for participation**

### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 20

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

Does not exceed four years

#### **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-034971](#)

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

Date

28 April 2023

Local time

10:00am

#### **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

28 April 2023

Local time

11:00am

Place

Electronically

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### **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

#### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

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

UK Shared Business Services

Polaris House

Swindon

SN2 1FF

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[policy@uksbs.co.uk](mailto:policy@uksbs.co.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

**VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

UK Shared Business Services

Polaris House

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Country

United Kingdom

**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

UK Shared Business Services

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United Kingdom