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Invitation to Tender for Closed Framework for Research and Evaluation Services

ARMED FORCES COVENANT FUND TRUSTEE LIMITED

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Scope

Reference

2025-000007

Description

Invitation to Tender for Closed Framework for Research and Evaluation Services text

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract 1. Research Partners Framework

Supplier

- ALMA ECONOMICS LIMITED

Contract value

- £400,000 excluding VAT
- £500,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

4 February 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

10 February 2026

Standstill period

- End: 20 February 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

23 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 23 February 2026 to 22 February 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Contract 2. Research Partners Framework

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- EDGE HEALTH LTD

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Contract 5. Research Partners Framework

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- RAND EUROPE COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

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Information about tenders

- 17 tenders received
- 17 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 13 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 1 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 5 suppliers awarded contracts
- 12 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

ALMA ECONOMICS LIMITED

- Companies House: 09391354
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHGJ-1771-RHHN

43 Tanner Street

London

SE1 3PL

United Kingdom

Email: info@almaeconomics.com

Website: <https://www.almaeconomics.com/>

Region: UKI44 - Lewisham and Southwark

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Research Partners Framework

EDGE HEALTH LTD

- Companies House: 10618020
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXPY-9565-VRDX

113 Romford Road

London

E15 4LY

United Kingdom

Email: george@edgehealth.co.uk

Website: <https://www.edgehealth.co.uk/>

Region: UKI41 - Hackney and Newham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 2. Research Partners Framework

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT LTD.

- Companies House: 03613839
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZPH-6725-GLPZ

Omega Court, 362 Cemetery Road

Sheffield

S11 8FT

United Kingdom

Email: general@iodparc.com

Website: <http://www.iodparc.com>

Region: UKE32 - Sheffield

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 3. Research Partners Framework

MEL RESEARCH LIMITED

- Companies House: 03000946
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMTH-7256-VPZH

Somerset House, 37 Temple Street

Birmingham

B2 5DP

United Kingdom

Email: info@melresearch.co.uk

Website: <http://www.melresearch.co.uk>

Region: UKG31 - Birmingham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 4. Research Partners Framework

RAND EUROPE COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

- Companies House: 02728021
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBGY-6989-PZPD

Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road

Cambridge

CB2 8BF

United Kingdom

Email: REprojects@randeurope.org

Website: <http://www.randeurope.org>

Region: UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Connected people/organisations:

Hans Pung, President of RAND Europe, is the Chair of Trustees of the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust. He has not been involved in the bid and has not been involved in or influenced the assessment, scoring or awarding of this contract.

Contract 5. Research Partners Framework

Contracting authority

ARMED FORCES COVENANT FUND TRUSTEE LIMITED

- Companies House: 11185188
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLHN-1877-WRDN

3rd Floor, 3 Wellington Place

Leeds

LS1 4AP

United Kingdom

Email: info@covenantfund.org.uk

Region: UKE42 - Leeds

Organisation type: Public authority - central government