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Tender

PS24128 Eastern Europe Accelerator Programme

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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SWINDON

SN21UH

Email

professionalservices@uksbs.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK14 - Swindon

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Research

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

PS24128 Eastern Europe Accelerator Programme

Reference number

PS24128

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The final date and time for the submission of bids is Monday 17th June 2024 at 11:00.

DO NOT apply directly to the buyer.

All tender information MUST be submitted through the Jaggaer eSourcing Portal.

How to Apply

Below we have provided a high-level overview of the Scope of Services for this Contract. Due to the sensitivity of this work, the full tender information and documentation will only be provided to potential Bidders upon completion of the PS24128 - Eastern Europe Accelerator Programme - Non-Disclosure Contract - Not a Deed Agreement, which can be found within the Contracts Finder attachments area in the Contracts Finder Notice -

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/7f0289c8-fea5-4bf3-9ea4-0f39012fe8d0>

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Introduction

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Aims & Objectives

The aim of the accelerator programme is to provide commercialisation services to sit along side some of our overseas energy projects clustered in the eastern European region, ensuring the businesses taking part in the projects are commercially ready as well as technologically ready. Although the accelerator programme will be optional for our funded projects, we would expect most or all of the projects in this portfolio to take advantage of the support offered through the programme. The support will be a mixture of supporting fundamental programme requirements with all projects, 1 to 1 business support, connecting to the wider industry as well as communications activities.

There are four core objectives:

1. Provide core support to enable projects to achieve their project outputs in an ODA eligible country.
2. Provide business support to project leads to help them commercialise (no matter where they are in the world).
3. Engage with wider sector to help the organisations achieve their goals.
4. Provide communication and dissemination activities to demonstrate the meaningful impacts the programme is having.

We are hoping to achieve the following outputs:

- Organisations which have increased their commercial readiness.
- Technologies that are closer to market.
- A group of projects which feel like a cohort.
- Investment engagements with companies.
- Knowledge sharing between projects and the wider energy and government space.
- Promotion of Gender Equality and Social Inclusion.

- Impact which is disseminated globally.

This contract will be awarded based on the evaluation criteria as set out in the RFP document.

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II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £995,000

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

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Background to the Requirement

The Energy Access team at Innovate UK have funded a number of programmes within the ODA space. Its flagship programme, The Energy Catalyst, has committed over £200m of support helping companies to commercialise low carbon energy solutions in both the UK and in Africa and Asia. The team have recently expanded to look at technology specific areas such as diesel genset replacement. More information on these specific programmes can be found here:

- <https://energycatalyst.ukri.org/>
- <https://www.ze-gen.org/ze-gen/>

More recently we have started working with FCDO High Commissions in country to develop programmes specific for their needs and the portfolio to be supported through this work is the first output of this collaboration.

The programme is focussed on supporting regions with historically high reliance on fossil fuels and the programme will play a part in helping these economies to re-imagine their energy systems using the latest innovations supported through this work.

The aim of the programme is to accelerate the regional energy transition and ensure the resulting energy supply is low-carbon, affordable and secure.

The projects must:

- focus on the specific needs of the programme.
- be an innovative technology or business model that is low-carbon, affordable and secure.

- create energy resilience or build access to clean energy in the future.

Scope

The accelerator will support 13 projects for up to 21 months involving organisations predominantly in UK and Eastern Europe but with wider teams worldwide. The winning supplier must be able to support organisations no matter where they are located in the world to ensure the programme is fully untied as required under UK ODA rules.

The duration of the agreement will be between July 2024 and March 2026 for a total period of 21 months. Due to the funding limitations, we are not able to extend the accelerator service beyond March 2026 and this should be considered a hard-stop date. This date also coincides with the end of the projects funded under this programme.

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

21

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.2.14) Additional information

DO NOT APPLY DIRECTLY TO BUYER

All submissions will be assessed in accordance with the Public Procurement Regulations that

apply to this opportunity.

Responses must be received by the date and time in the tender documentation; responses received outside of the deadline or not sent via the Jaggaer eSourcing portal will not be accepted or considered by the Contracting Authority further for this opportunity, unless a system outage is experienced, to which the Contracting Authority will advise Interested organisations should ensure that they allow a sufficiency of time, prior to the deadline to allow all sections to be completed in full and any attachments to be uploaded.

As a user of the Jaggaer eSourcing Portal you will have access to the Jaggaer messaging service which facilitates all messages sent to you and from you, as well as other messages and updates in relation to any specific tender event. Please note that any and all information secured outside of the messaging service, shall have no Legal Standing, merit or worth and should not be relied upon by any organisation submitting a tender response.

Please note it is your organisations responsibility to access these messages on a regular basis to ensure you have sight of all relevant information applicable to this opportunity.

The Contracting Authority expressly reserves the right:

- i. not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and
- ii. to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the procurement;

and under no circumstances as part of your organisations participation in this opportunity, will the Contracting Authority be liable for any costs incurred by any organisation as a result.

If the Contracting Authority decides to enter into a contract with any successful organisation(s), this does not mean that there is any guarantee of subsequent contracts being awarded. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of your organisation in doing so.

About UK Shared Business Services

UK Shared Business Services Ltd (UK SBS) brings a commercial attitude to the public sector; helping our contracting authorities to improve efficiency, generate savings and modernise.

Where UK SBS is not named as the Contracting Authority within the documentation, UK SBS will be acting as an agent on behalf of the Contracting Authority.

Our broad range of expert services is shared by our customers. This allows our customers the freedom to focus resources on core activities; innovating and transforming their own

organisations.

For full details of our partner base please review the following link:

<http://www.ukpbs.co.uk/services/procure/contracts/Pages/default.aspx>

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

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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

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

Date

17 June 2024

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

17 June 2024

Local time

11:00am

Place

Electronically

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.3) Additional information

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Once you are logged into the system you will be able to locate the Procurement you wish to leave a bid on by clicking the ITTs Open to All Suppliers and searching for the reference

number PS24128 or prj_1207

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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