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ARIA Activation Partners

ADVANCED RESEARCH AND INVENTION AGENCY

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

ADVANCED RESEARCH AND INVENTION AGENCY

96 EUSTON ROAD,

LONDON

NW12DB

Email

clarifications@aria.org.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.aria.org.uk/activation-partners

I.3) Communication

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

www.aria.org.uk/activation-partners

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.aria.org.uk/activation-partners

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

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

ARIA Activation Partners

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

ARIA is an R&D funding agency built to unlock scientific and technological breakthroughs that benefit everyone. We empower scientists and engineers to pursue research at the edge of what is technologically or scientifically possible.

We reach across disciplines, sectors and institutions to shape, fund and manage projects across the R&D ecosystem, from startups to universities, to break down silos and discover new pathways.

We're looking for proposals for Activation Partners who will unlock latent ideas, empower talent, support new ventures, and provide insights and connectivity across our opportunity spaces.

For more info see <http://aria.org.uk/activation-partners>

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

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Scientific breakthroughs alone won't lead to impact, this is why we're embedding science entrepreneurship into all that we do - from how we recruit our Programme Directors to our funding terms.

We're now looking for Activation Partners to help catalyse entrepreneurial talent and venture creation across our opportunity spaces.

Activation Partners will unlock latent ideas, empower talent, support new ventures, and provide insights and connectivity across our opportunity spaces.

Success will be about more than just deliverables, partners will work alongside us to foster a culture of innovation that propels our opportunity spaces, and therefore the UK, towards massive social and economic impact.

What we're looking for

We don't have preconceptions about the types of organisation we'll work with or highly structured plans for what they'll do - the shape of these partnerships will be driven by the creativity, imagination, instincts and experience of our selected partners.

You can be a nonprofit, startup, fellowship programme, deeptech investor, incubator/accelerator, venture creator, or something else entirely. Above all, we're looking for partners with a deeply technical focus, an appetite for the highly speculative and a commitment to operating as founder and scientist friendly.

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

36

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Additional funding, scope and duration could be added to any contracts awarded.

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

See ARIA website <http://aria.org.uk/activation-partners>

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive procedure with negotiation

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

19 July 2024

Local time

2:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

Detailed timelines can be found in the programme call information on ARIAs website:
www.aria.org.uk/activation-partners

The application process consists of two stages:

- Submission of a initial proposals (2 pages) - Organisations shortlisted based on their initial proposals will be invited to discuss and refine their approach before submitting a full proposal.

The deadline for submission of initial proposals is 29 May 2024 (14:00 BST).

- Submission of a full proposal - the deadline for submission of proposals is 19 July 2024 (14:00 BST).

You can submit a full proposal even if you did not submit an initial proposal or you are not shortlisted for discussion.

The total funding value is the estimated budget available. We expect to fund multiple applicants.

Funding is anticipated to be award via both contracts and grants. For information on how we fund www.aria.org.uk/activation-partners

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Not Applicable, see the ARIA Act 2022

London

Country

United Kingdom