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Contract

UKRI-2310 Hub Function for the UK Rare Disease Research Platform

UK Research & Innovation

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UKRI-2310 Hub Function for the UK Rare Disease Research Platform

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The UK Rare Disease Research Platform (UK-RDRP) is being established by MRC and NIHR to connect and enhance the UK's strengths in rare disease research. Rare diseases are defined as diseases with a prevalence of less than one in 2000 individuals, and include disease of genetic and non-genetic origins. The aim of the Platform is to underpin greater collaboration between academic, clinical and industry research with essential patients, research charities and other stakeholders to accelerate the understanding, diagnosis and therapy of rare diseases. The Platform will support networking and activities that enable research and will comprise a number of challenge-led thematic nodes (each led by UK research organisations, e.g. universities), with a single, integrated platform Hub.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £749,376

II.2) Description

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 procurement exercise will commission a Hub function for the UK-RDRP, with following objectives: •Coordinate and bring cohesion to the Platform •Establish and maintain a website, mailing lists and social media presence for the Platform •Provide a point of contact for external stakeholders •Administer the Platform. The Hub will support a set of around 10 -12 nodes (each of which will do networking and enabling science within a specified subset of rare disease research (a 'domain')) as well as providing a broad service to all UK rare disease research interests. The Nodes, Hub and all stakeholders and related interests will collectively form the Platform (the UK-RDRP). The nodes will be funded via an open call, launching in August 2022 with decisions in March 2023 and nodes starting work in May-June 2023. The Platform is co-funded by MRC and NIHR, following MRC processes unless stated otherwise. The Platform is one of the activities that will support the national Rare Disease Framework, in particular the 'pioneering research' theme The Platform will be managed by a Platform Executive Board (including the funders, node directors, stakeholders and independent members).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 May 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

N/A

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £750,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £749,376

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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