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## **UKRI-2986 ESRC Research Leadership Network**

UK Research & Innovation

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03df23

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK14 - Swindon

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.ukir.org](http://www.ukir.org)

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://ukri.delta-esourcing.com/delta/buyers/select/viewListStatus.html?id=787399543>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://ukri.delta-esourcing.com/delta/buyers/select/viewListStatus.html?id=787399543>

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**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**

UKRI-2986 ESRC Research Leadership Network

Reference number

UKRI-2986

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

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

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

Services

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

UKRI is seeking to commission the design and piloting of a Research Leaders Network for mid-career and senior social scientists. The Network will enable social science researchers to enhance their leadership practice, better preparing them for an increasingly interdisciplinary, intersectoral and fast-changing funding context.

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

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKK14 - Swindon

Main site or place of performance

Swindon

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

UKRI through its component research council, the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), has recently completed a programme of work to help us better understand how we can strengthen research leadership capability in the social sciences. We want to enable social scientists to take advantage of the opportunities that are emerging from a rapidly evolving funding landscape that requires researchers to build capability in new areas, including their ability to collaborate and engage across sectors and disciplines. Such boundary spanning activities demand skills in designing, leading, delivering and working within large and complex team-based projects. We aim to address this challenge by providing leadership development activities that will support social science researchers to thrive within an increasingly interdisciplinary, intersectoral and fast-changing funding context.

We are now seeking to appoint a supplier to design and deliver a pilot ESRC Research Leaders Network (Network) tailored to mid-career and senior researchers in the social sciences (see section 3 for further information on how these career stages are conceptualised). The Network will provide participants with opportunities to develop or enhance their research leadership skills by nurturing informal networks, facilitating collaborative learning, encouraging inter-sectoral mobility and cultivating productive interactions.

Through this pilot, ESRC aims to understand how it can strategically invest in infrastructure that enhances social scientists' leadership skills. Our long-term intention is to develop a whole-career framework that drives ESRC's approach to investing in leadership capability and enabling researchers to realise their leadership potential.

The full specification is available in the tender pack.

The duration of the contract is up to 15 months and the contract must start by 01 January 2024.

#### **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: £200,000

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

Duration in months

15

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.2.14) Additional information**

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## **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

25 August 2023

Local time

11:00am

#### **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

25 August 2023

Local time

11:00am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://ukri.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Swindon:-Research-consultancy-services./T6PMDRRG2V>

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

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

United Kingdom Research and Innovation

Swindon

Country

United Kingdom