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Tender

UKRI-3994 Metascience: Using Research to Transform Science

UK Research & Innovation

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04594f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://ukri.delta-esourcing.com/respond/ACRYU8UG23>

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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-3994 Metascience: Using Research to Transform Science

Reference number

UKRI-3994

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

UKRI wishes to establish a framework agreement ("Agreement") for the provision of a metascience research consultancy for UKRI.

The purpose of this procurement is to appoint a supplier to support UKRI in delivering a broad range of metascience based research activities.

The Agreement will be set up to appoint a single Supplier who will act as the main contractor. The Supplier may choose to take the lead role with other 'specialist' sub-advisors in order to provide a pre-selected core team for breadth of expertise and consistency of approach.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK14 - Swindon

Main site or place of performance

Swindon

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The scope of the Agreement will include provision of:

Supporting UKRI to scope, design and deliver and a portfolio of experiments to test and evaluate R&D Funding.

Provide research capability, including but not limited to:

- Evidence synthesis
- Data Analysis
- Rapid evidence reviews
- Statistical analyses.

Support UKRI in launching funding opportunities under the Metascience grants programme.

Provide training and development support to Metascience grant programme award holders. This includes but is not limited to:

- Cultivating connections and opportunities
- Offering practical support and advice
- Supporting award holder disseminating their research findings

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Quality / Weighting: 60

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 30

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

UKRI may re-procure this framework at the end of the term, but does not commit itself to do so.

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

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-015211](#)

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

Date

19 August 2024

Local time

2:00pm

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

19 August 2024

Local time

2:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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.

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

<https://ukri.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Swindon:-Research-and-development-services-and-related-consultancy-services./ACRYU8UG23>

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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