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Planning

UKRI Vulnerability Scanning Tool Replacement

UK Research and Innovation

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

UK Research and Innovation

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SWINDON

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Contact

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Email

ddatprocurement@uksbs.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.ukri.org/>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

NON-DEPARTMENTAL PUBLIC BODY

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research and Innovation

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UKRI Vulnerability Scanning Tool Replacement

Reference number

DDaT22294

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48730000 - Security software package

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) consists of 9 Councils, including 7 research councils, Innovate UK and Research England.

Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) is one of the UKRI research councils, and we are seeking to procure a replacement for the existing vulnerability scanning tool which supports all the desired functionality for vulnerability scanning and is therefore able to discover all security vulnerability flaws within UKRI's websites, applications, network, and cloud infrastructure.

The estimated total value for up to 3-year (1+1+1) contract is £1,082,400.00 excluding VAT.

We are conducting market research with our Shared Services provider, UK SBS, to get feedback on our specification, understand available technological options, trials/sandbox options, and pricing mechanisms. A route to market has not yet been established.

We're holding pre-market supplier engagement session(s) between 24th and 31st August 2022 for an hour per session.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,082,400

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

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This will help enable the execution of our Cyber Security Strategy and the objectives of protecting UKRI, ensuring our data, information and systems are secure and that we can continue to meet our regulatory and legislative needs.

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IMPORTANT

To ensure participation, Expression of Interest emails must be received by ddatprocurement@uksbs.co.uk no later than midday (UK time) on 19th August 2022.

In the message subject field please state: "EoI DDaT22294 Pre-market engagement". In your message, provide up to two names and email addresses of your attending representatives. A drafted specification will be provided and details of the session(s) will

follow.

All attending suppliers must familiarise themselves with the drafted spec in advance of the session(s) as we are seeking expertise and feedback from the market.

AGENDA (to be refined)

- a) Welcome, introductions and format (UKRI & UK SBS)
- b) Purpose & project overview (UKRI & UK SBS)
- c) High-level requirements (UKRI)
- d) Market products & capabilities (supplier perspective)
- e) Specification feedback (All)
- f) Q&A (All)
- j) Next Steps & Procurement process (UK SBS)
- k) AOB (All)

Please note that Supplier demonstrations may also form part of the pre-market engagement, but this is to be confirmed. Those who express interest will receive further information if it becomes applicable.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 September 2022

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes