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## **Research Funding Search Tool**

University of Bristol

F02: Contract notice

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

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

University of Bristol

4th Floor, Augustine's Courtyard, Orchard Lane

Bristol

BS1 5DS

#### **Email**

[tu19629@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:tu19629@bristol.ac.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 01179289000

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.bristol.ac.uk](http://www.bristol.ac.uk)

Buyer's address

<https://tenders.bris.ac.uk/web/login.html>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://tenders.bris.ac.uk/go/71183389017BC07913BB>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Research Funding Search Tool

Reference number

ITT\_872 IT-1120-023-PC\_1912

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

- 48100000 - Industry specific software package

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

Supplies

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

The Research and Enterprise Division (RED) works with academics, researchers, students and entrepreneur communities both in and also outside the University of Bristol. Within RED, the Research Development team provides expert support to academic members of staff who are seeking external funding for their research. The team also acts as a contact point for funding agencies and partners and has a detailed knowledge of a wide range of funding issues.

The Research Development Team currently has a contract with a supplier to provide a tool that maintains an online database of research funding opportunities, is a source of international research policy, and details Higher Education Institution relevant news.

The tool currently operates as a membership, which enables all University of Bristol members of staff / students to freely access an online site and have the ability to create tailor made funding searches specific to their research area and requirements, browse the news and policy articles and set up email alerts.

The tool is also used by RED to create a fortnightly funding alert (in Excel and Acrobat formats) which is targeted to specific Faculties and Schools. RED wishes to have the option to replace this manual process with automated targeting of funding opportunities to individuals and groups, with the option for manual moderation.

This tender opportunity is to procure an online, intuitive search tool that enables University of Bristol members of staff to identify and search for potential funding opportunities (either as an individual, or as part of a research group/School/Faculty), have access to relevant policy articles and keep up to date with relevant funder news items. The University's expectation is for this to be a vendor hosted web service. It should be intuitive and simple to navigate around. The system needs to include funding opportunities from across the globe (UK, Europe, USA etc.), for a variety of schemes (responsive mode, strategic calls, capital, research equipment, fellowships, large grants, travel, prizes, access to facilities etc.), from an array of funders (government, industry, charity etc.), and relevant for UK based Principal Investigators or for individuals applying from outside the UK for grants which would enable them to move to a UK University.

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

Value excluding VAT: £250,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 48100000 - Industry specific software package
- 73110000 - Research services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

University of Bristol

Beacon House

Queens Road

Bristol, BS8 1QU, UK

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

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#### **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

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The intention is to re-procure the requirement before expiry of the contract being tendered.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial contract period will be for 3 years which may be extended to a maximum total period of 2 years.

#### **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**

The estimated total value quoted in II.1.5 is estimated over 5 years.

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date

11 October 2021

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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

11 October 2021

Local time

11:01am



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

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

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand, London WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Bidders have the right to appeal as set out in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Proceedings under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 are time limited and any such proceedings must be brought in the High Court of England and Wales.