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Tender

UK_352 Researcher Connect Online Framework

British Council

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

British Council

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Contact

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.britishcouncil.org

I.3) Communication

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

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/britishcouncil>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/britishcouncil>

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Registered Charity

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UK_352 Researcher Connect Online Framework

Reference number

BC/03607

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Researcher Connect Online is the British Council's offer to support the development of communication skills for early career researchers.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £440,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Researcher Connect Online is the British Council's offer to support the development of communication skills for early career researchers. Over the last 11 years, Researcher Connect

has helped early career researchers around the globe to present their research at international conferences, write in international journals, apply for funding and maximise the impact of their research by presenting it to funders, industry and the wider public. Due to the pandemic in 2020, British Council adapted the Researcher Connect materials into an online training offer to address the ongoing demand for this high-quality training. In 2023-24 Researcher Connect delivered 26 workshops online to 22 countries and approximately 780 early career researchers. This Invitation to Tender has been launched to contract a pool of expert trainers who will deliver Researcher Connect Online workshops for a for a period of four years. The Trainers will be contracted under a framework agreement.

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

48

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

The estimated project value will be £ over the life of the contract.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

In accordance with Regulations 57, 58 and 60 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, applicant will be assessed in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015, on the basis of information provided in response to the Selection Questionnaire.

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

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

N/A

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

23 September 2024

Local time

10:00am

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

23 September 2024

Local time

10:15am

Place

British Council

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The contracting authority will operate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers to provide time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. Unsuccessful tenderers shall be notified by the contracting authority as soon as possible after the decision is made as to the reasons why they were unsuccessful. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide that aggrieved parties who have been harmed, or are at risk of harm, by breach of the rules are to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).