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Contract

PS24128 Eastern Europe Accelerator Programme

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

Polaris House, North Star Avenue

SWINDON

SN21UH

Email

professionalservices@uksbs.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKK14 - Swindon

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.ukpbs.co.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Research

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

PS24128 Eastern Europe Accelerator Programme

Reference number

PS24128

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £495,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Below we have provided a high-level overview of the Scope of Services for this Contract.

Due to the sensitivity of this work, the full tender information and documentation will only be provided to potential Bidders upon completion of the PS24128 - Eastern Europe Accelerator Programme - Non-Disclosure Contract - Not a Deed Agreement, which can be found within the Contracts Finder attachments area in the Contracts Finder Notice -

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/7f0289c8-fea5-4bf3-9ea4-0f39012fe8d0>

If you are bidding as a consortium or shall be using sub-contractors all parties will need to complete and sign the NDA.

Completed NDAs must be emailed to ProfessionalServices@uksbs.co.uk where these will be countersigned, and your organisation will then be added into the main Jaggaer procurement.

Introduction

UK Shared Business Services (UKSBS), on behalf of the UK Research and Innovation through Innovate UK wishes to establish a contract for the provision of an International Accelerator Programme for the Energy Team. This will include support for both the UK companies and international partners.

Aims & Objectives

The aim of the accelerator programme is to provide commercialisation services to sit along side some of our overseas energy projects clustered in the eastern European region, ensuring the businesses taking part in the projects are commercially ready as well as technologically ready. Although the accelerator programme will be optional for our funded projects, we would expect most or all of the projects in this portfolio to take advantage of the support offered through the programme. The support will be a mixture of supporting fundamental programme requirements with all projects, 1 to 1 business support, connecting to the wider industry as well as communications activities.

There are four core objectives:

1. Provide core support to enable projects to achieve their project outputs in an ODA eligible country.
2. Provide business support to project leads to help them commercialise (no matter where they are in the world).
3. Engage with wider sector to help the organisations achieve their goals.
4. Provide communication and dissemination activities to demonstrate the meaningful impacts the programme is having.

We are hoping to achieve the following outputs:

- Organisations which have increased their commercial readiness.
- Technologies that are closer to market.
- A group of projects which feel like a cohort.
- Investment engagements with companies.
- Knowledge sharing between projects and the wider energy and government space.
- Promotion of Gender Equality and Social Inclusion.
- Impact which is disseminated globally.

Background to the Requirement

The Energy Access team at Innovate UK have funded a number of programmes within the ODA space. Its flagship programme, The Energy Catalyst, has committed over £200m of support helping companies to commercialise low carbon energy solutions in both the UK and in Africa and Asia. The team have recently expanded to look at technology specific areas

such as diesel genset replacement. More information on these specific programmes can be found here:

- <https://energycatalyst.ukri.org/>
- <https://www.ze-gen.org/ze-gen/>

More recently we have started working with FCDO High Commissions in country to develop programmes specific for their needs and the portfolio to be supported through this work is the first output of this collaboration.

The programme is focussed on supporting regions with historically high reliance on fossil fuels and the programme will play a part in helping these economies to re-imagine their energy systems using the latest innovations supported through this work.

The aim of the programme is to accelerate the regional energy transition and ensure the resulting energy supply is low-carbon, affordable and secure.

The projects must:

- focus on the specific needs of the programme.

- be an innovative technology or business model that is low-carbon, affordable and secure.
- create energy resilience or build access to clean energy in the future. Scope

The accelerator will support 13 projects for up to 21 months involving organisations predominantly in UK and Eastern Europe but with wider teams worldwide. The winning supplier must be able to support organisations no matter where they are located in the world to ensure the programme is fully untied as required under UK ODA rules.

The duration of the agreement will be between July 2024 and March 2026 for a total period of 21 months. Due to the funding limitations, we are not able to extend the accelerator service beyond March 2026 and this should be considered a hard-stop date. This date also coincides with the end of the projects funded under this programme.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 August 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bankers without Boundaries

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

11418661

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £495,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

UK Shared Business Services Ltd

Swindon

Email

policy@uksbs.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom