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Pipeline

## **International Bilateral Fund-Request for Information**

UK SPACE AGENCY

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### **Scope**

#### **Title**

International Bilateral Fund-Request for Information

#### **Reference**

UKSAIBFRFI

#### **Description**

The UK Space Agency (UKSA) is an executive agency of the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and provides technical advice on the government's space strategy, supporting the UK space sector to deliver the government's vision.

The Integrated Review and Pillar 2 of the National Space Strategy (NSS) highlight the UK's ambition to "increase our bilateral and multilateral partnerships with other spacefaring nations, forging the best relationships to achieve our goals in space.". To support our international ambitions, there are a range of funding opportunities, including the International Bilateral Fund (IBF), which will (subject to business case approvals) open in April 2023 and carry across until March 2025. The IBF is designed to fund UK space projects which focus on both the UK's strategic priority countries, as referenced in the National Space Strategy, and emerging space nations.

The objectives of the IBF are to:

- Build stronger relationships with international partners and become a trusted partner of choice
- Increase UK space sector inward investment and exports
- Develop UK capabilities in collaboration with our international partners.

The fund will leverage £20m worth of investment across UKSA's eight priority areas to deliver on our value proposition to catalyse investment, build and develop UK missions and capabilities, and to champion space on the international stage.

The IBF could include projects which, for example, tackle global challenges like climate change or support projects which focus on sustainability or low-earth orbit capabilities.

This IBF-RFI will help guide UKSA's next steps and aid our understanding of potential projects that the sector is currently exploring or would like to explore, with international partners. We are seeking responses from organisations willing to conduct the work in the UK to meet the objectives of the National Space Strategy.

Interested parties are requested to review the attached RFI document and complete the RFI questionnaire in accordance with the instructions provided. Documents are available here:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/908c884c-6c89-4afd-8646-becc49b0fec9>

The programme team will be running a Webinar on 23 November 2022 from 11h00 - 12h00 to provide further background information and address any questions you may have. Further details of how to register are in the RFI.

Please complete the questionnaire below by 16.00 5 December 2022 in no more than 2 pages of A4 and email to [ibf@ukspaceagency.gov.uk](mailto:ibf@ukspaceagency.gov.uk) quoting IBF-RFI in the subject line.

## **Contract type**

Services

## **Main category (CPV code)**

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

**Contract location**

- UK - United Kingdom

**Contract start date (estimated)**

1 April 2023

**Contract end date (estimated)**

31 March 2025

**Maximum value (estimated, excluding VAT)**

£20,000,000

**Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

No

**Contract is suitable for**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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**Buyer**

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## Procedure

### Procurement start date (estimated)

When the contract notice or equivalent will be published.

31 March 2023

### Commercial approach

Whether the procurement is for a new requirement or a reprocurement.

New requirement