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UK Research and Innovation

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

UK Research and Innovation

Polaris House

Swindon

SN2 2FF

Email

professionalservices@uksbs.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://beisgroup.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

UK Research & Innovation is a new body which works in partnership with universities, research organisations, businesses, charities, and government to create the best possible environment for research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

PS22419

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Despite significant progress in recent years, we are not on track to meet Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7) to deliver universal access to energy by 2030. Around 789 million people lacked access to electricity in 2018 . Without sustained efforts, 650 million people will still be left without access to electricity in 2030 . Even more remain without access to clean cooking – almost 3 billion people across Africa and Asia in 2016. The World Bank has estimated that poor electricity access is costing Africa 2% point reduction off gross domestic product (GDP) growth each year . To solve this, there is a need for investment, innovation and business support.

The Energy Catalyst's mission is to accelerate the innovation needed to reach SDG 7. By providing financial and advisory support to innovators we help create strategic partnerships, uncover insights and develop business models to improve lives in Africa and Asia. To date UKRI have provided £158m of public grant funding to 374 projects delivered by 1100+ organisations to support innovators through 8 rounds of the Energy Catalyst Programme.

This all forms part of the UK's aid budget meaning all projects are awarded in line with the Official Development Assistance (ODA) commitment following the ODA guidelines. The support to undertakings in the EU also falls under State aid rules and UKRI expect the appointed contractor will need to ensure both State aid compliance (including necessary checks) and ODA rules are followed and reported against as required

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1. Provide core support to enable projects to achieve the Energy Catalyst objectives
2. Provide business support to project leads to help them commercialise
3. Engage with the wider energy access sector to share knowledge and understanding
4. Provide communications and dissemination for Energy Catalyst and its impactful projects.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £9,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The award of this contract will be based on a single lot, with multiple workpackages and one supplier/consortium will be appointed

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

5 December 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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

£9,000,000.00 Over the total duration of the contract (4 years)