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## **Futures Framework**

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0383da

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

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

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

London

SW1H 0ET

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[professionalservices@uksbs.co.uk](mailto:professionalservices@uksbs.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.uksbs.co.uk](http://www.uksbs.co.uk)

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder>

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

UK Shared Business Services

Polaris House, North Star Avenue

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Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Research

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Futures Framework

Reference number

PS22410

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

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

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

Services

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

The Futures Framework is a register of consultants and researchers that can be called upon by HM Government (HMG) Departments and Agencies and UK public bodies to support conducting work to think strategically about the long term future (herein called Futures) and further developing these capabilities in government.

The demand for Futures work, and other 'fields' that can help people to think about the long term future (e.g. systems analysis, present-day scanning, decision making support), in government is currently outstripping the capacity of the government's expertise. The Futures Framework will assist policymakers to quickly and with minimal cost identify and procure Futures and related services and capability development opportunities. The Framework will be used by government departments and agencies to support a range of activities, including, but not limited to, the techniques in the Government's published Futures Toolkit.

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

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 79300000 - Market and economic research; polling and statistics

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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The key areas of expertise needed are:

- Services for describing and explaining the characteristics of a policy area (including trend and driver analysis, and systems analysis) or issue (including associated risks and opportunities)
- Services for describing what the future might be like
- Services for developing and testing policies and strategies, and related decisions, particularly for their robustness and resilience
- Services for developing Futures capability within the Civil Service (including skills related to the above activities)
- Services for convening or engaging a diverse range of stakeholders (citizen and expert voices) in futures work
- Services, expertise and data gathering and visualisation related to specific fields (including, but not limited to, specific scientific and technological, social and economic fields)

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Futures Toolkit.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

3 April 2023

End date

31 March 2026

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

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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.1.3) 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

#### **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**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-032088](#)

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

Date

7 February 2023

Local time

10:00am

**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: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

7 February 2023

Local time

11:00am

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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 invoicing will be accepted

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

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**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

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