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Tender

Professional Services CSConnected Srength In Places Fund (SIPF)

Cardiff University

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0391a7

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKL - Wales

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Main address

<http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/business/why-work-with-us/for-suppliers>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0258

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://in-tendhost.co.uk/cardiffuniversity.aspx/Home>

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/cardiffuniversity.aspx/Home>

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

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Professional Services CSConnected Srength In Places Fund (SIPF)

Reference number

CU.1226.JO

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The CSconnected Strength in Places Fund project ('CSconnected SIPF') is seeking a Provider to deliver a range of professional services that will support the South Wales semiconductor community in its next stages of evolution and growth. Initial Funding is until 30 April 2025 and is circa GBP1.8m. Estimated value includes all contract options.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £5,700,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 31711000 - Electronic supplies
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Main site or place of performance

South Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The CSconnected Strength in Places Fund project ('CSconnected SIPF') is seeking a Provider to deliver a range of professional services that will support the South Wales semiconductor community in its next stages of evolution and growth.

CSconnected SIPF is a large-scale project part-funded under the UK Research and Innovation's Strength in Places Fund (SIPF). The project consortium consists of 12 Partners across; Higher Education Institutions, Research Technology Organisations, Industry Partners and Civic Bodies.

Key long-term objectives of the CSconnected SIPF investment are to encourage exploitation of compound semiconductor research and development, and innovation in technologies and know-how in South Wales, and to support high-quality, sustainable skills and job creation in South Wales to underpin regional economic growth.

We are seeking to appoint an organisation to independently represent and develop the South Wales compound semiconductor community, professionally promoting the interests and capabilities of organisations within this community to UK and global audiences.

This Services contract is intended to pump-prime an organisation to position itself as a self-sustaining entity to maintain 'CSconnected' beyond the end of the SIPF project. The end of this period is anticipated to be 30 April 2025.

Core services required include extensive relationship management (coordinating activities and strategy, offering a "collective voice of the community"), a comprehensive marketing and communication function, alongside events management, and skills development and outreach activities.

These functions should be co-located in Cardiff Capital Region of South Wales, open to Partners and visitors. Services should operate effectively to support the virtual and physical connection of multiple, distributed Partner sites under a coherent 'cluster' brand and operational model.

The appointed Provider must have experience of working in the semiconductor sector and be capable of delivering well-informed and credible support to a diverse stakeholder base.

A strong foundation the of services described has been developed through contributions of staff (particularly at IQE plc) and more recently by a small team of staff employed at Cardiff University with SIPF funds. It should therefore be noted that TUPE may apply to this services contract.

Estimated Value is based upon all options to extend, current funding is for initial duration and is circa GBP1.8m.

All procurement documents will be available free of charge via the University's e-tendering portal: In-Tend

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

DOCUMENTS ONCE RELEASED; MUST BE ACCESSED AND SUBMISSIONS MADE VIA THIS PORTAL.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £5,700,000

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

Start date

1 May 2024

End date

30 April 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Possibly Extension to 30 April 2027, see ITT Documentation for further information.

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

Link to further information relating to CSconnected SIPF;
<https://csconnected.com/projects/projects/csconnected-sipf/>

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

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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

Date

17 January 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English, Welsh

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

17 January 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Place

E-Tendering portal

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Sell2Wales Web Site at https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=137146.

Under the terms of this contract the successful supplier(s) will be required to deliver Community Benefits in support of the authority's economic and social objectives. Accordingly, contract performance conditions may relate in particular to social and environmental considerations. The Community Benefits included in this contract are:

Social Value & Community Benefits

Theme 2: Tackling economic inequality

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The buyer considers that this contract is suitable for consortia.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

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