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Contract

UKRI-2986 ESRC Research Leadership Network

UK Research & Innovation

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03df23

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKK14 - Swindon

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Main address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UKRI-2986 ESRC Research Leadership Network

Reference number

UKRI-2986

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

UKRI is seeking to commission the design and piloting of a Research Leaders Network for mid-career and senior social scientists. The Network will enable social science researchers to enhance their leadership practice, better preparing them for an increasingly interdisciplinary, intersectoral and fast-changing funding context.

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: £194,370.75

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK14 - Swindon

Main site or place of performance

Swindon

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

UKRI through its component research council, the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), has recently completed a programme of work to help us better understand how we can strengthen research leadership capability in the social sciences. We want to enable social scientists to take advantage of the opportunities that are emerging from a rapidly evolving funding landscape that requires researchers to build capability in new areas, including their ability to collaborate and engage across sectors and disciplines. Such boundary spanning activities demand skills in designing, leading, delivering and working within large and complex team-based projects. We aim to address this challenge by providing leadership development activities that will support social science researchers to thrive within an increasingly interdisciplinary, intersectoral and fast-changing funding context. We are now seeking to appoint a supplier to design and deliver a pilot ESRC Research Leaders Network (Network) tailored to mid-career and senior researchers in the social sciences (see section 3 for further information on how these career stages are conceptualised). The Network will provide participants with opportunities to develop or enhance their research leadership skills by nurturing informal networks, facilitating collaborative learning, encouraging inter-sectoral mobility and cultivating productive interactions. Through this pilot, ESRC aims to understand how it can strategically invest in infrastructure that enhances social scientists' leadership skills. Our long-term intention is to develop a whole-career framework that drives ESRC's approach to investing in leadership capability and enabling researchers to realise their leadership potential. The

full specification is available in the tender pack. The duration of the contract is up to 15 months and the contract must start by 01 January 2024.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 90

Price - Weighting: 10

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

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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

Notice number: [2023/S 000-019207](#)

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

11 December 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Edinburgh Innovations

Murchison House,

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

National registration number

SC148048

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £194,370

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

United Kingdom Research and Innovation

Swindon

Country

United Kingdom