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Contract

## **UKRI-3994 Metascience: Using Research to Transform Science**

UK Research & Innovation

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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United Kingdom

## **Region code**

UKK14 - Swindon

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.ukri.org](http://www.ukri.org)

## **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**

UKRI-3994 Metascience: Using Research to Transform Science

Reference number

UKRI-3994

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

Services

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

UKRI wishes to establish a framework agreement ("Agreement") for the provision of a metascience research consultancy for UKRI.

The purpose of this procurement is to appoint a supplier to support UKRI in delivering a broad range of metascience based research activities.

The Agreement will be set up to appoint a single Supplier who will act as the main contractor. The Supplier may choose to take the lead role with other 'specialist' sub-advisors in order to provide a pre-selected core team for breadth of expertise and consistency of approach.

#### **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: £3,000,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKK14 - Swindon

Main site or place of performance

Swindon

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

The scope of the Agreement will include provision of:

Supporting UKRI to scope, design and deliver and a portfolio of experiments to test and evaluate R&D Funding.

Provide research capability, including but not limited to:

- Evidence synthesis
- Data Analysis
- Rapid evidence reviews
- Statistical analyses.

Support UKRI in launching funding opportunities under the Metascience grants programme.

Provide training and development support to Metascience grant programme award holders. This includes but is not limited to:

- Cultivating connections and opportunities
- Offering practical support and advice
- Supporting award holder disseminating their research findings

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Quality / Weighting: 60

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 30

### **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**

The framework will be on a call-off basis for a period of 4 years. The total value of the framework will not exceed £3,000,000.

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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

#### **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: [2024/S 000-021303](#)

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## **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**

27 October 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

RAND Europe Community Interest Company

Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road

Cambridge

CB2 8BF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

National registration number

02728021

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £3,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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