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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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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-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.

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

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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

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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