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## **UKRI-4491 ESRC-BBSRC Food Systems Commercialisation Catalyst**

UK Research & Innovation

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

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

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United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://ukri.delta-esourcing.com/delta/buyers/select/viewListStatus.html?id=908683904>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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**

UKRI-4491 ESRC-BBSRC Food Systems Commercialisation Catalyst

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Services

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

UKRI requires a supplier to support the development and delivery of an early-stage mission-led commercialisation catalyst (The Programme).

The key aims for the Programme are to:

- i.Enable collaboration between bioscience and social science researchers: recruiting researchers, building and supporting multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary teams to address an agreed team challenge.
- ii.Support skills and capacity development: training, supporting and enabling the cohort of grant holders to grow and sustain positive social and/or environmental impact from their research in the mission area of healthy, sustainable and resilient food systems. This may include formal training, mentoring and peer support, networking, and facilitating connections with relevant expertise and national/international markets.
- iii.Support grant holders to explore alternative (non-traditional commercial) enterprise models to create effective and self-sustaining impact. Grant administration will be managed by UKRI.

This requirement will be for initial period of 12 months with an optional extension of up to a further 6 months. The value of the requirement will be up to £500,000.00 for the initial period and £300,000.00 for the extension which will be subject to approval.

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

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

## UNITED KINGDOM

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This Programme is in response to both ESRC and BBSRC's (two of UKRI's component research councils) strategic aims to support commercialisation for social, economic, and environmental good. ESRC and BBSRC are investing:

- Up to £1m in maximum 10 grants within a single competition in 2025. The grant award facilitates researchers to develop their idea with a view to its eventual launch (10 awards at £100k each = £1m). The supplier will manage the grant competition; UKRI will administer the grants.
- Up to £500k (exc. VAT) for this 'mission-led commercialisation catalyst support package' as described in this scope of work. The overall project costs cannot exceed this amount.

To support delivery of this Programme, the supplier will be expected to recruit researchers, build and support multi/inter-disciplinary teams, where each award-holding team must have a mix of social science and bioscience expertise. The supplier will also be expected to train, support and enable these researchers to grow and sustain positive social / environmental impact from their research in the mission area of healthy, sustainable and resilient food systems. As such, the supplier must have expertise in social science commercialisation, commercialisation of bioscience innovations, as well as commercialisation of multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research.

Duration of Initial period will be 12 months commencing in March 2025. there will be an optional extension period of up to a further 6 months subject to approval.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 90

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 10

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

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

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

Duration in months

12

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

There is an optional extension of up to 6 months subject to approval.

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

Date

6 February 2025

Local time

11:00am

#### **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

6 February 2025

Local time

11:00am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **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.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://ukri.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Swindon:-Business-and-management-consultancy-services./HZ6FNH5DX5>

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

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

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