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Award

ACE 1003 ITT - Touring Research 2025/26

Arts Council England

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Scope

Reference

ACE 1003 ITT

Description

ACE 1003 ITT - Touring Research 2025/26 ACE is seeking to gain a deeper understanding of the current landscape of the theatre, dance, music and combined arts touring sectors and ecologies, and how these have evolved since the Covid-19 pandemic. The specific focus of this study is the Touring of theatre, dance, music, and combined arts activities to indoor venues with a capacity of 150 or below, rural, outdoor work, site specific work and touring to community spaces, as well as by geography and artform, including genre.

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Contract 1

Supplier

- World Pencil Ltd

Contract value

- £46,500 excluding VAT
- £55,800 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

17 July 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

10 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 15 September 2025 to 30 April 2026
- 7 months, 16 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73110000 - Research services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Information about tenders

- 6 tenders received
- 6 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 6 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 5 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Supplier

World Pencil Ltd

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Bath

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United Kingdom

Contact name: Ben Sandbrook

Email: ben.sandbrook@worldpencil.net

Region: UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Arts Council England

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBGY-4385-GQGP

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKD33 - Manchester

Organisation type: Public authority - central government