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Planning

CSP25191 Specialist Business Support Services

UK Research and Innovation

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Scope

Reference

CSP25191

Description

UK Research and Innovation ("UKRI"), will shortly launch a procurement to appoint a supplier to provide specialist business support services for consultancy, commercial coaching and specialist training for business founders, including developing a high-performing team. The services would be delivered to third party startups that are incubated in STFC's Programmes.

The outcome of these services is to help STFC to increase and accelerate the growth of UK Deep tech start-ups and so deliver a return to the UK economy and support the UK Government's Growth Mission.

The user is STFC's Incubation Programmes team, who would manage the supplier(s) to deliver procured services to incubated startups. These specialist services are essential to enable the STFC team's ability to deliver our objectives.

This Contract is intended to be a 2-year agreement with the option to extend by a further 2 years with an indicative budget of £392,000.00 excluding VAT for the full duration.

Interested suppliers are to refer to the Engagement section of this notice for further details of the preliminary market engagement process being undertaken.

Total value (estimated)

- £392,000 excluding VAT
- £470,400 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2027
- Possible extension to 31 December 2029
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79996000 - Business organisation services
- 79998000 - Coaching services
- 80500000 - Training services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

3 September 2025

Engagement process description

UK Research and Innovation, alongside UK Shared Business Services Limited will be hosting a Microsoft Teams meeting to further discuss this requirement before it goes live to the open market.

This Market Engagement Day will be held on Tuesday 9th September 2025, time TBC. The session will last approximately 2 hours.

In order to book a slot on this meeting, please can you provide the following information to CoreServices@uksbs.co.uk, marking the email FTO Abbie Cousens and referencing our unique reference number of CSP25191. Please note organisations will be limited to four attendees.

- Attendee(s) Name
- Attendee(s) Email Address
- Organisation Name

This notice aims to inform potential suppliers of our intention to procure and our upcoming supplier engagement event.

The Contracting Authority is utilising this preliminary market engagement notice to:

- (a) make the market aware of the upcoming requirement

(b) to better understand the market landscape of suppliers who would be able to deliver this requirement and

(c) request that any interested suppliers confirm their interest in by Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

Following the session, we will look to issue a market engagement questionnaire to those suppliers who have expressed interest to better inform our requirements.

Any information supplied as part of preliminary market engagement shall not place any supplier at an advantage in a potential procurement process.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Contracting authority

UK Research and Innovation

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDQJ-7126-JDHG

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

UK Shared Business Services Ltd

Summary of their role in this procurement: Shared Services Provider

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMPN-7535-GNTG

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Contact organisation

Contact UK Shared Business Services Ltd for any enquiries.