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Managed IT Service RFP

Advanced Research and Invention Agency

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Scope

Description

This RFP seeks proposals from experienced Managed IT Service Providers capable of delivering secure, scalable, agile, and proactive support. We are seeking a partner who can anticipate the evolving needs of a cutting-edge R&D funding agency and provide forward-thinking solutions that enable ARIA's mission and growth.

The scope is to deliver ARIA's full IT capability, including:

- ? Delivering dependable, day-to-day operational support that scales with our growing operations.
- ? Supporting the integration and ongoing evolution of a complex, cloud-based technology ecosystem.
- ? Continually strengthening our security posture in line with UK-government and NCSC frameworks.
- ? Contributing to a tech-forward, security-conscious culture through policy, training, and enablement.

The total contract value for standard service delivery is anticipated to be up to £1.25m for

the initial 36-month term. This figure does not include costs for additional project support, extended hours, or pass-through costs for software and hardware - for this we anticipate an approximate additional £1.8m for the duration of the initial term.

Total value (estimated)

- £4,000,000 excluding VAT
- £4,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 February 2026 to 1 February 2029
- Possible extension to 2 February 2031
- 5 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

The initial term of the contract will be 36 months. ARIA reserves the right to extend the contract by up to an additional 24 months, in 12-month increments, subject to mutual agreement and continued satisfactory performance.

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

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There will also be options for additional project support, extended hours, or pass-through costs for software and hardware - for this we anticipate an approximate additional £1.8m

for the duration of the initial term.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72222300 - Information technology services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

17 October 2025, 11:59pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

29 October 2025, 2:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://aria.grantplatform.com/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

12 December 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Criteria B - Your Approach to Service Delivery	Quality	40%

Name	Type	Weighting
Criteria A - Background, Profile, Experience and Expertise	Quality	20%
Criteria C - Demonstration of Resource	Quality	20%
Criteria D - Commercial Proposal	Cost	20%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

See RFP document on <https://www.aria.org.uk/supply-to-us> for more information

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://www.aria.org.uk/media/qxpjdcjv/rfp-managed-it-service-2025.pdf>

Documents to be provided after the tender notice

A supplementary bidder pack with more detail about our IT environment, including specific tools, devices, ecosystem and governance data, can be provided upon request but will require bidders to sign a non-disclosure agreement (NDA). The template NDA can be found here -

<https://aria.org.uk/media/n1jgitlq/aria-mutual-nda-for-rfp-it-managed-service-2025.pdf>, please note the terms are non-negotiable and due diligence will be conducted on the bidder. Please email clarifications@aria.org.uk to request the NDA for signing.

Contracting authority

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