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Contract

Innovation Skills Framework Critical Friend

UK Research and Innovation

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Scope

Reference

PS25248

Description

***** THIS IS A CONTRACT DETAILS NOTICE, NOT A CALL FOR COMPETITION *****

This procurement is being concluded following a limited competition procurement exercise.

Innovate UK wishes to appoint a supplier to act as a critical friend and independent learning partner throughout the Innovation Skills Framework (ISF) pilot.

Contract 1. PS25248- Innovation Skills Framework Critical Friend

Supplier

- Innovation Growth Lab at Nesta

Contract value

- £19,910 excluding VAT
- £23,892 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

28 October 2025

Contract dates

- 3 November 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 4 months, 28 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - limited competition

Supplier

Innovation Growth Lab at Nesta

58 Victoria Embankment

London

EC4Y 0DS

United Kingdom

Email: james.phipps@nesta.org.uk

Region: UKI31 - Camden and City of London

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

UK Research and Innovation

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDQJ-7126-JDHG

Polaris House, North Star Avenue

Swindon

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United Kingdom

Email: commercial@ukri.org

Region: UKK14 - Swindon

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 Service Provider

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Contact organisation

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