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Award

PROCUREMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF RESEARCH SERVICES - EVALUATION OF THE ARMED FORCES FAMILIES FUND: SUPPORTING PARTNERS PROGRAMME

ARMED FORCES COVENANT FUND TRUSTEE LIMITED

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Scope

Reference

2025/S 000-058765

Description

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trustee Limited acting as trustee of the Armed Forces Covenant Fund ("the Trust") is running a procurement process to identify a suitably qualified Supplier for the provision of an Evaluation of the Armed Forces Families Fund: Supporting Partners Programme.

The term of the Contract is 2 years. The maximum budget for the Contract was £83,000 including expenses (excluding VAT).

The overall evaluation includes: An impact evaluation of the Supporting Partners programme, exploring the extent to which it has met its core aim of providing solutions and support for partners and spouses of serving personnel, including Reservists, to

reduce the challenges that service life can sometimes present. Consideration should be given to how the programme has contributed to the objectives set out in the Ministry of Defence's UK Armed Forces Families Strategy, including improving mental health and wellbeing, reducing isolation and enhancing access to support, training, employment and personal development.

An economic evaluation assessing the value for money of the programme in addressing the specific needs of service partners and providing evidence to inform whether the programme should continue in its current form or be revised.

Contract 1

Supplier

- MEL RESEARCH LIMITED

Contract value

- £83,000 excluding VAT
- £100,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

14 November 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

17 November 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

5 December 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 8 December 2025 to 3 December 2027
- 1 year, 11 months, 27 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Information about tenders

- 14 tenders received
- 14 tenders assessed in the final stage:

- 13 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 13 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMTH-7256-VPZH

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLHN-1877-WRDN

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government