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Award

PROCUREMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF RESEARCH SERVICES - EVALUATION OF THE ARMED FORCES FAMILIES FUND: EARLY YEARS PROGRAMME

ARMED FORCES COVENANT FUND TRUSTEE LIMITED

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Scope

Reference

2025/S 000-057984

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: Early Years 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 assessing the extent to which the EYF has achieved its primary objective: to meet the early years development and educational needs of children aged 0-5 from currently serving armed forces families, and

to support them in accessing high-quality early years provision. The evaluation should consider how the programme aligns with and contributes to the objectives of the Ministry of Defence's UK Armed Forces Families Strategy Action Plan.

An economic evaluation assessing the value for money of the EYF in improving early years outcomes for service children, with a view to informing whether the programme should continue in its current form or be revised.

Contract 1

Supplier

- ACADEMIC CONSULTING AND EDUCATION SERVICES (ACCESS) LIMITED

Contract value

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

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

21 November 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

24 November 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

15 December 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 15 December 2025 to 17 December 2027
- 2 years, 3 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Information about tenders

- 11 tenders received
- 11 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 9 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 10 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKJ43 - Kent Thames Gateway

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government