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Award

## **UKRI-4643 UK- wide Celebration of Research and Innovation.**

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

UKRI-4643 UK- wide Celebration of Research and Innovation.

### **Description**

UKRI want to commission a supplier to deliver a new UK-wide celebration to engage the public, particularly young people, with research and innovation(R&I). This will be delivered through the following 5 work packages over the duration of the six years:

- Work package 1: coordinated UK-wide activities that celebrate and showcase R&I and supports people

### **Main Category**

(particularly young people and those from minoritised communities and those underrepresented in R&I) to engage with R&I through co-produced local and regional activity.

- Work package 2: grants programmes to support those from minoritised communities and underrepresented groups to engage with R&I through community-led events and local activities in schools throughout the year.
- Work package 3: a programme of deliberative dialogues with young people to explore their views and concerns about R&I, providing unique insights into young people's relationship with R&I and enabling their views to inform and influence decision-making in R&I.
- Work package 4: support for sharing learning between this programme of activity and existing knowledge festivals, museums, science centres and other relevant organisations.
- Work package 5: summative and formative evaluation to understand and share what works in informal engagement with R&I.

N.B. UKRI will require the successful supplier to deliver all the work packages detailed above.

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## **Contract 1. UKRI-4643 UK- wide Celebration of Research and Innovation.**

### **Supplier**

- BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

### **Contract value**

- £3,297,384.18 excluding VAT
- £3,956,861.02 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

**Award decision date**

4 December 2025

**Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

4 December 2025

**Standstill period**

- End: 15 December 2025
- 8 working days

**Earliest date the contract will be signed**

8 January 2026

**Contract dates (estimated)**

- 8 January 2026 to 7 January 2032
- 6 years

**Main procurement category**

Services

**CPV classifications**

- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services

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## Information about tenders

- 12 tenders received
- 12 tenders assessed in the final stage:
  - 9 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 1 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 11 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

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## Supplier

### BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBPR-1971-VLWT

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London

SW7 5HD

United Kingdom

Email: [enquireis@britishscienceassociation.org](mailto:enquireis@britishscienceassociation.org)

Region: UKI33 - Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDQJ-7126-JDHG

Polaris House

Swindon, Wiltshire

SN2 1FL

United Kingdom

Contact name: Corporate Procurement

Email: [corporateprocurement@ukri.org](mailto:corporateprocurement@ukri.org)

Website: <https://www.ukri.org/>

Region: UKK14 - Swindon

Organisation type: Public authority - central government