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Contract notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) **Name and addresses**

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Address of the buyer profile: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development/about/procurement/>

I.2) **Information about joint procurement**

I.3) **Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

I.4) **Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.5) **Main activity**

Other activity: International Development

Section II: Object

II.1) **Scope of the procurement**

II.1.1) **Title:**

Management Agent for a DFID-CDC Challenge Fund

Reference number: PO 8502

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

75211200

II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Services

II.1.4) **Short description:**

The Department for International Development (DFID) would like to contract an organisation for 4.5 years to manage a DFID-CDC Challenge Fund, with the possibility of a 2-year extension. This Challenge Fund will be focused on unlocking evidence on private sector impacts in emerging markets through open competitive research calls. The contract will be issued to an organisation to market the Challenge Fund, manage all administrative, financial and contractual aspects as well as ensuring deep engagement between researchers and companies and peer review by a panel of leading academics. The Challenge Fund is a joint initiative between DFID and CDC, the UK's Development Finance Institution.

This is one of a series of pieces of work that will be commissioned to deepen our understanding of the impact of CDC's work. The Challenge Fund will be coordinated in parallel with a series of large multi-year evaluations of CDC's work.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 5 000 000.00 GBP

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title:

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code: UKM95

Main site or place of performance:

The DFID and CDC project teams are based in London. Projects will be based in several different locations worldwide as determined by DFID-CDC.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

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The terms of reference set out guidelines for the scope and timeframe of the Challenge Fund as well as the functions required of the Challenge Fund manager. The Challenge Fund is a joint initiative between DFID and CDC, the UK's Development Finance Institution.

This is one of a series of pieces of work that will be commissioned to deepen our understanding of the impact of CDC's work. The Challenge Fund will be coordinated in parallel with a series of large multi-year evaluations of CDC's work in each sector (being contracted separately from the Challenge Fund), as laid out in the DFID-CDC Evaluation and Learning Programme Plan with both complementary work streams helping to build the evidence base for the impact of CDC's work. The contract will be issued to market, manage, administer and monitor the Challenge Fund.

Purpose of the Challenge Fund

The purpose of this Challenge Fund is to crowd in new research that fills critical evidence gaps related to the work of CDC and the impacts of private sector investment, thereby generating useful learnings to enhance development impact. The Challenge Fund will aim to crowd in research on private sector investment in developing countries, focusing where the current evidence base is weak and where insights are needed on what works, what doesn't, and why.

While the body of research on the impacts of private sector investment in emerging markets has been growing in recent years, this remains a critical area where there is a clear need for more evidence. Research in this area has faced a number of challenges particularly related to gaining access to data, and insights into private sector companies, in order to help ensure that evidence responds to the most pressing and generalizable impact-related questions and needs. The DFID-CDC partnership, given its networks and resources, is well-positioned to crowd in research to help address some of these challenges. The Challenge Fund will issue calls for proposals that answer a specific set of research questions aligned with the sectoral focus of the DFID-CDC Evaluation and Learning Programme, covering financial institutions, infrastructure, food and agriculture, consumer businesses (including healthcare and education), and industrial businesses, and broader cross-sectoral questions as needed. It could also extend to research to look at cross-cutting issues such as distributional effects (equity, gender), unanticipated effects, environmental effects and economy-wide effects and spillovers.

This contract will be let for the management of the Challenge Fund. The key responsibilities of the supplier will be to:

- a. Finalise the approach to marketing and managing the Challenge Fund.
- b. Proactively market the Challenge Fund to a wide stakeholder base with potential interest in bidding for research funds.
- c. Develop required documentation and manage the administration of 3 calls for proposals.
- d. Implement robust contractual and financial procedures.
- e. Manage the peer review of draft outputs by academics.
- f. Assist DFID and CDC with the global dissemination of research

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Quality of Personnel / Weighting: 22

Quality criterion - Name: Design and Methodology / Weighting: 38

Cost criterion - Name: Total Cost / Weighting: 20

Cost criterion - Name: Fee Rates / Weighting: 20

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 5 000 000.00 GBP

II.2.7) **Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 54

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

The contract includes an extension of up to 24 months. The contract includes an option for additional services of the same type to be provided. The total contract duration including extension options shall be 78 months. The initial contract will run until 31 December 2023.

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

II.2.13) **Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

II.2.14) **Additional information**

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

- III.1) **Conditions for participation**
- III.1.1) **Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**
- III.1.2) **Economic and financial standing**
Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents
- III.1.3) **Technical and professional ability**
Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents
- III.1.5) **Information about reserved contracts**
- III.2) **Conditions related to the contract**
- III.2.1) **Information about a particular profession**
- III.2.2) **Contract performance conditions:**
As stated in the tender documents.
- III.2.3) **Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Section IV: Procedure

- IV.1) **Description**
- IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**
Open procedure
- IV.1.3) **Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**
- IV.1.4) **Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**
- IV.1.6) **Information about electronic auction**
- IV.1.8) **Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**
The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes
- IV.2) **Administrative information**
- IV.2.1) **Previous publication concerning this procedure**
- IV.2.2) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**
Date: 17/05/2019
Local time: 14:00
- IV.2.3) **Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**
- IV.2.4) **Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted:**
English
- IV.2.6) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**
Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)
- IV.2.7) **Conditions for opening of tenders**
Date: 17/05/2019
Local time: 14:00

Section VI: Complementary information

- VI.1) **Information about recurrence**
This is a recurrent procurement: no
- VI.2) **Information about electronic workflows**
- VI.3) **Additional information:**

The Authority expressly reserves the right:

(1) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice and (2) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by the candidates.

Procurement documents can be accessed through the DFID supplier Portal (<https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>).

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Gerry O'Connor, Department for International Development
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United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice:

10/04/2019