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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

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at: <https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>

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:**

Health Research Programme Conortia(RPCS): Filling the gaps in evidence: Building stronger and more resilient Health Systems

Reference number: PO8377

II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

73000000

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description:

The UK is seen as a leader in health research and a higher level of UK involvement will add value to global research efforts. DFID has committed to the production and use of high quality evidence, data and innovation to accelerate progress towards the Global Goals. Following extensive internal and global consultation, the following areas were identified as being gaps and an opportunity for the UK to intervene, given our relative strengths:

(i) Tackling infectious diseases

(ii) Building stronger and more resilient health systems,

(iii) Improving the health of the world's most vulnerable, including sexual and reproductive health, mental health and maternal, newborn and child health

DFID intends to award a contractor in circa May 2019 for an initial term of 6 years with a budget of 65 500 000 GBP. DFID may extend the duration up to an additional 2 years with a maximum total contract value of 95 500 000 GBP.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 95 500 000.00 GBP

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

This requirement IS NOT SUBJECT TO the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and Directive 2014/24/EU. By virtue of the applicability of Regulation 14. DFID therefore reserves the right to exercise its discretion and award more than one contract per Lot. Contracts will not be awarded equally across lots (for example 3 in each lot), but rather could be awarded as 3 in one lot, two in another etc.

II.2) Description**II.2.1) Title:**

RPC Lot 1 - Health Systems

Lot No: 1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

73300000

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code: UKM95

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

The goal of the Filling the Gaps in Evidence portfolio of RPCs is to produce high quality evidence that improves the health of the poorest and most vulnerable people in developing countries. The purpose of this component is to deliver new knowledge for understanding how to build stronger and more resilient health systems. An integrated and multi-disciplinary approach is required to help DFID and the development community better understand what works to build resilient and accountable health systems that deliver for the poorest and most vulnerable.

Proposals can address any one or more of the following areas where it is expected that collectively the research programmes will provide critical knowledge:

- Strengthening the key building blocks of health systems
- Delivering essential health services and public health functions in challenging contexts

- Improving the resilience of health systems, including capability for detection, preparedness, and response to public health threats, such as infectious diseases and antimicrobial resistance, and disaster risk reduction

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 8 000 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 72

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9) **Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 5

Maximum number: 12

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

As detailed in the Supplier Selection Questionnaire, this will be based on an commercial assessment of the Potential Supplier's financial position to determine the level of risk that it would represent to DFID and a technical assessment of relevant technical and professional ability inclusive of sub-contractors where a sub-contractor is to be utilised for the delivery of a particular part of the service.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

There will be an option to extend for a further 24 months at an additional estimated value of 2 - 3 million per contract.

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**

Reg 14 Research exemption: DFID reserves the right to exercise its discretion and award more than one contract per Lot, where DFID deems a research proposal other than that of the Winning Tenderer (Highest Ranking) are found to be value-adding for the purposes of this specification.

Note: With regard to II.2.6 above - The anticipated value range of each contract is between £6 - £8 million

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

RPC Lot 2 - Vulnerable Groups

Lot No: 2

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

73000000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKM95

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

The goal of the Filling the Gaps in Evidence portfolio of RPCs is to produce high quality evidence that improves the health of the poorest and most vulnerable people in developing countries. The purpose of this component is to generate new knowledge on how to address marginalisation or exclusion of vulnerable groups.

The UK is firmly committed to the “Leave no-one behind” agenda. For development gains to be achieved, concerted efforts must be made to reach the poorest and most marginalised. Groups at risk may include people with disabilities, women, children and adolescents and conflict affected populations. Research submissions are expected to include a gender and disability lens i.e. how has the programme design taken into consideration how people with disabilities/men/women are impacted by the issue being researched? What are the different barriers they face? How will the research contribute to an evidence base on how to address these issues? An intersectional lens is critical to better understand the issues.

Proposals can address any one or more of the following areas:

- Mental Health
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights
- Maternal and Newborn Child Health
- Improving health outcomes for vulnerable groups

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 8 000 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 72

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged minimum number: 5

Maximum number: 12

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

As detailed in the Supplier Selection Questionnaire, this will be based on an commercial assessment of the Potential Supplier's financial position and determine the level of risk that it would represent to DFID and a technical assessment of relevant technical and professional ability inclusive of sub-contractors where a sub-contractor is to be utilised for the delivery of a particular part of the service.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

There will be an option to extend for a further 24 months at an additional estimated value of 2 - 3 million per contract.

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

Reg 14 Research exemption: DFID reserves the right to exercise its discretion and award more than one contract per Lot, where DFID deems a research proposal other than that of the Winning Tenderer (Highest Ranking) are found to be value-adding for the purposes of this specification.

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II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

RPC Lot 3 - Infectious diseases

Lot No: 3

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

73300000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKM95

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

The goal of the Filling the Gaps in Evidence portfolio of RPCs is to produce high quality evidence that improves the health of the poorest and most vulnerable people in developing countries. The purpose of this component is to build upon the existing evidence base and to draw on expertise from a range of methodologies and disciplines to deliver new evidence to tackle infectious diseases in low and middle income countries.

The research should take account of DFID's approach to public health and should address a number of core themes, including delivery through health systems, value for money of interventions, the extent to which vulnerable groups are disproportionately affected by infectious diseases and why, and building evidence on interventions in a range of contexts including (but not limited to) fragile and conflict affected states.

Proposals can address any one or more of the following areas where it is expected that collectively the research programmes will provide critical new knowledge:

- Taking interventions to scale in the country health system context
- Vector control in low and middle income countries
- Social determinants of TB, HIV and other diseases

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) **Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 8 000 000.00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 72

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.9) **Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 5

Maximum number: 12

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

As detailed in the Supplier Selection Questionnaire, this will be based on an commercial assessment of the Potential Supplier's financial position and determine the level of risk that it would represent to DFID and a technical assessment of Potential Supplier's relevant technical and professional ability inclusive of sub-contractors where a sub-contractor is to be utilised for the delivery of a particular part of the service.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

There will be an option to extend for a further 24 months at an additional estimated value of 2 - 3 million per contract

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

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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

List and brief description of conditions:

Mandatory and discretionary exclusion, economic and financial standing, technical and professional ability, modern slavery act 2015 requirements, minimum insurance requirements, tenderers past performance, duty of care, international aid transparency initiative, acceptance of DFID Terms and conditions and DFID supply partner code of conduct and Safeguarding Measures, as outlined in the procurement documents.

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:

Performance will be measured against DFID baseline Key Performance Indicators which will be provided at ITT stage for Supplier concurrence, these will be reviewed during Inception Phase with successful bidder.

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted 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: 23/11/2018
Local time: 13:00
- IV.2.3) **Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**
Date: 09/01/2019
- 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: 8 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)
- IV.2.7) **Conditions for opening of tenders**

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:**
In accordance with Regulation 14 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the Regulations are not applicable to this procurement. The Procurement Process adopted by DFID is not to be construed as indicative of the application of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The use in this ITT of terms used in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or Directive 2014/24/EU should not be construed as implying the application of the relevant rules and jurisprudence of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or Directive 2014/24/EU to this procurement. NOTE: This contract opportunity is voluntarily published in the Official Journal of the European Union for publicity purposes only, and is not pursuant to the requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or Directive 2014/24/EU.
The services procured by this procurement process fall within CPV codes 73000000-2 (research and development services and related consultancy services) 73120000-9 (Experimental and development services), 73300000-5 (design and execution of research and development), 73420000-2 (pre feasibility study and technological demo) and 73430000 -5 (test and evaluation).
- VI.4) **Procedures for review**
 - VI.4.1) **Review body**
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 - 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:**
09/10/2018