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## Prior information notice

This notice is for prior information only

### Services

#### Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

#### **Section I: Contracting authority**

##### I.1) **Name and addresses**

Official name: United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI)

Town: Swindon

NUTS code: UKK14

Postal code: SN2 1FL

Country: United Kingdom

Contact person: Professional Services

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##### **Internet address(es):**

Main address: [www.ukri.org](http://www.ukri.org)

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

##### I.3) **Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

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

Body governed by public law

##### I.5) **Main activity**

Other activity: UKRI Research Councils and UK SBS Providing shared and specialist business services to our public sector owners

#### **Section II: Object**

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

###### II.1.1) **Title:**

CS20024 UKRI Future Leaders Fellowships Development Network

Reference number: CS20024

###### II.1.2) **Main CPV code**

80510000

###### II.1.3) **Type of contract**

Services

###### II.1.4) **Short description:**

UK Research and Innovation are looking to take advantage of the unique opportunities presented by the cohorts of Future Leaders Fellows by making an FLF Development Network available. It is envisioned that the activities associated with this network will be accessible to all FLFs, and that where capacity is available will also be opened up to wider participation by other Early Career Researchers and Innovators supported by UKRI. This network should;

- Create a strong cohort experience

- Develop the leadership of the fellows
- Enable the cohorts to play a leadership role across the research and innovation community
- Create deep links with UKRI and its investments

In order to deliver this, it is expected that the network will provide a series of networking and development workshops that provide each cohort of participating fellows with the tools to think creatively and to develop and lead new and imaginative thinking that spans disciplinary boundaries.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 3 000 000.00 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)**

73220000

79411100

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKK14

Main site or place of performance:

UKK14

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

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In order to deliver this, it is expected that the network will provide a series of networking and development workshops that provide each cohort of participating fellows with the tools to think creatively and to develop and lead new and imaginative thinking that spans disciplinary boundaries. In addition to this, activities should be in place that support and enable the development of skills and leadership in; Communications & media, Public engagement with research, Collaboration & cross-sector working, and Impact. Furthermore, it is expected that the network will enable fellows to engage with and receive mentoring from influential research and innovation leaders and will support engagement with key challenges facing the research and innovation environment. The proposed network should provide these opportunities for up to 250 fellows, including those funded through rounds one to three of the FLF, and ensure that each intake of fellows into the network is able to access opportunities over a two-year period.

The FLF Development Network should last for three years, and up to £3 million is available to support this.

II.2.14) **Additional information**

II.3) **Estimated date of publication of contract notice:**

11/05/2020

**Section IV: Procedure****IV.1) Description****IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

**Section VI: Complementary information****VI.3) Additional information:**

A supplier workshop will be held via webinar on Tuesday 21 April 2020 where potential applicants will be able to gain a deeper understanding of the requirement. There will be a presentation from UKRI that outlines the key required outcomes of this contract, there will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

If you are interested in attending a supplier engagement session, please confirm your attendance by completing the webinar registration form found at <https://ukri.zoom.us/meeting/register/upAuc--hrDsqqjYxls79yx5H68RFwWm1Q>

The expected format of the day will be:

- 10:30 Start
- 10:45 Presentation from UKRI
- 11:30 Break
- 11:45 Supplier questions
- 13:00 Session end

A formal Request for Proposal will be released via Tenders Electronic Daily and Contracts Finder once the supplier day has taken place and the Contracting Authority have finalised the strategy and documentation.

This Prior Information Notice is being issued in order to undertake a market consultation exercise with regards to the requirements detailed above. UK Research and Innovation would like to invite suppliers to attend this engagement session in order to assess the market's appetite for procuring the proposed FLF Development Network, to provide information regarding the tender and the expected outcomes expected from the network, and to enable suppliers an opportunity to ask questions regarding the FLF Development Network and these expected outcomes.

We request that attendance is restricted to key members of your organisation.

For the avoidance of doubt, this notice is not a Call for Competition; a Contract Notice will be issued as a call for competition. Not registering an interest shall not prevent any supplier participating in a future procurement, nor is it intended that any information supplied as part of the preliminary market consultation shall place any supplier at an advantage in a potential procurement process.

**VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice:**