Invitation to Quote

Questions

Invitation to Quote (ITQ) on behalf of UK Research and Innovation Subject UK SBS Executive search for (i) Innovate UK Executive Chair; and (ii) UKRI Board Non-Executive Directors Sourcing reference number CS19137

Section 6 – Evaluation questionnaire

Bidders should note that the evaluation questionnaire is located within the **e-sourcing questionnaire**.

Guidance on completion of the questionnaire is available at http://www.uksbs.co.uk/services/procure/Pages/supplier.aspx

PLEASE NOTE THE QUESTIONS ARE NOT NUMBERED SEQUENCIALLY

COMMERCIAL QUESTIONNAIRE

SEL1.1	Please state the full legal name and address and contact details of the organisation tendering (or organisation acting as lead contact where a consortium bid is being submitted).	
Bidder guidance	The information should be based on the details of the organisation bidding (or organisation acting as lead contact where a consortium bid is being submitted). This is the legal entity with whom we will Contract if successful.	
Scoring criteria	For information only	
Bidder	Table	
response	Bidders full legal name	
	Address line 1	
	Address line 2	
	Address line 3	
	Address line 4	
	Town / City	
	Country	
	Post code (or equivalent)	
	Bidder contact	
	Telephone No.	
	Email	
SEL1.2	In the last three years, has any finding of unlawful discrimination been	
	 made against your organisation by an Employment Tribunal, an Employment Appeal Tribunal or any other court (or in comparable proceedings in any jurisdiction other than the UK)? And/or; In the last three years, has your organisation had a complaint upheld following an investigation by the Equality and Human Rights 	
	Commission or its predecessors (or a comparable body in any jurisdiction other than the UK), on grounds of alleged unlawful	

	discrimination?
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No Yes – Fail No – Pass *If you have answered "yes" please provide, as an attachment to this question, a summary of the nature of the investigation and an explanation of the outcome of the investigation to date. If the investigation upheld the complaint against your organisation, please use the attachment to explain what action (if any) you have taken to prevent unlawful discrimination from reoccurring. You may be excluded if you are unable to demonstrate to the Contracting Authority's satisfaction that appropriate remedial action has been taken to prevent similar unlawful discrimination reoccurring.
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Yes / No

SEL3.11	If you are Commercial organisation with a minimum financial turnover of £36M, please confirm that you are compliant with Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall choose from the following options; A. N/A – our turnover is less than £36M B. Yes – information attached
	 C. No (with justification) – we are not compliant but will be prior to commencement of a contract
	D. No – we are not and will not be compliant at the time of award of the contract
Scoring Criteria	Mandatory Pass/ Fail
Bidder response	Selection

SEL3.12	Cyber Essentials is mandatory for central government contracts advertised after 1 October 2014 which involve handling personal information and providing certain ICT products and services. It is mandatory for bidders to demonstrate that they meet the technical requirements prescribed by Cyber Essentials for those contracts featuring any of the characteristics set out below in bidders' guidance.		
	Cyber Essentials is for all organisations, of all sizes, and in all sectors. This is not limited to companies in the private sector, but is also applicable to universities, charities, and public sector organisations.		
	Further details are available at:		
	https://www.cyberstreetwise.com/cyberessentials/		
Bidder guidance	Any of the following characteristics will necessitate the mandatory requirement for bidders to have an up to date Cyber Essentials Certificate:		
	 Where personal information of citizens, such as home addresses, bank details, or payment information is handled by a supplier. 		
	 Where personal information of Government employees, Ministers and Special Advisors such as payroll, travel booking or expenses information is handled by a supplier. 		
	 iii) Where ICT systems and services are supplied which are designed to store, or process, data at the OFFICIAL level of the Government Protective Marking scheme. 		
	Bidders can answer		
	Yes – the Cyber Essential Certificate is currently in place		

	No – the Cyber Essential Certificate is not in place and we have no intention of having it in place for commencement of the contract
	Intend – the Cyber Essential Certificate is not in place and we intend to have it in place for commencement of the contract.
	A response of ' Yes' or ' Intend' will result in a pass and a response of ' No' will result in a fail against this question.
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu – Yes / No/Intend

SEL3.13	General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)
	The GDPR is mandatory requirement for all contracts or agreements both in the contracting authority and the private sectors that involves the transfer and processing of personal data which came into force on the 25th May 2018.
	It is mandatory for bidders to demonstrate that they will be able to meet the technical requirements and obligations prescribed by the GDPR. All contracts or agreements that are awarded by the Contracting Authority (the data controller) shall contain terms and conditions that oblige the successful bidder and any bidder supply chain (data processor) to comply with the GDPR and indemnify the Contracting Authority (data controller).
	Further information and guidance relating to the GDPR is available from the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) at:
	https://ico.org.uk/
Bidder guidance	Bidders can answer
	Yes – We will are able to demonstrate compliance as is required by the GDPR now
	No – We will not be compliant prior to any award and we have no

	intention of being compliant
	Intend – We are not compliant with the GDPR but we confirm that we will be compliant prior to commencement of the contract.
	A response of 'Yes' or 'Intend' will result in a pass and a response of 'No' will result in a fail against this question.
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu – Yes / No / Intend

FOI1.1	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOI) AND / OR ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 (EIR)Information provided in the course of the procurement process may be disclosed under Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 if requested under an FOI request or EIR request.Please note that some of the information provided may be protected under the FOI Act exemptions and EIR Exceptions. More information on applying the exemptions or exceptions can be found under the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) website http://ico.org.uk Please confirm you have been informed that information provided under this Bid may be disclosed under the FOI Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and agree to it being published irrespective of submitting a successful or unsuccessful Bid.
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No Yes – Pass
Scoring	No – Fail Mandatory Pass / Fail
criteria Diddor	Vec / No
Bidder response	Yes / No

FOI1.2	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (FOI) AND / OR ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 (EIR) EXEMPTIONS	
	Please complete this section only if you have agreed for your	
	information to be disclosed under the FOI Act or EIR in Question FOI1.1.	
	If you have not agreed to your information to be disclosed under the FOI Act or EIR in Question FOI1.1 please complete a field 'N/A' (Not applicable)	
	If you have agreed for your information to be disclosed under the FOI Act or EIR in Question FOI1.1 please tell us what exemptions or exceptions may apply to your information and why? If you are not	

	relying on any exemptions or ex 'N/A' (Not applicable)	ceptions please complete each field	
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall provide details of their proposed exemptions/exception in the table below. The Bidder (irrespective of submitting a successful or unsuccessful Bid) shall note that if the Contracting Authority believes that the suggested Exemptions or Exceptions have not been applied properly as per the Act or Regulation, the Contracting Authority will disclose the requested information unless another exemption or exception can be applied by the Contracting Authority. Be aware that by completing FOI1.1 and answering 'Yes' you have agreed for UK SBS to disclose the provided information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulation 2004, therefore you will not be approached for consent.		
Scoring criteria	For information only		
Bidder response	Confidential Information	Justification for exemption/exception under FOI Act	
	Commercially sensitive information	Justification for exemption/exception under FOI Act	

AW1.1	FORM OF BID
	I declare that to the best of my knowledge the answers submitted in
	this ITQ are correct. I understand that the information will be used in
	the process to assess my organisation's suitability to be invited to bid
	for the Contracting Authority's requirement and I am signing on
	behalf of my organisation. I understand that the Contracting Authority
	may reject this ITQ if there is a failure to answer all relevant questions
	fully or if I provide false/misleading information.
	I understand that the Government's transparency agenda requires that
	sourcing documents, including ITQ templates such as this, are
	published on a designated, publicly searchable web site, and, that the
	same applies to other sourcing documents issued by the Contracting
	Authority, including the ITQ, and any contract entered into by the
	Contracting Authority or its customers with its preferred supplier once
	the procurement is complete.
	By submitting a response to this ITQ I agree that our participation may
	be made public.
	I understand that the answers given in this response will not be
	published on the web site (but may fall to be disclosed under Freedom
	of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations
	2004).
	By submitting a response to this ITQ I agree and accept the
	justification for the Contracting Authority's evaluation criteria.
	By submitting a response to this ITQ I agreed and accept that the
	Contracting Authority reserves the right to change without notice the
	procedure for awarding the Contract, to reject any or all bids for the
	Contract, to stop the process and not award the Contract (in whole or

	in part) at any time without any liability on its part. By submitting a response to this ITQ I agree and accept that nothing in this process is intended to form any express or implied contractual relationship between the Parties unless and until a Contract is awarded. The Contracting Authority is not liable for any costs resulting from cancellation of this process nor any costs incurred by Bidders taking part in this procurement process. I understand that where sourcing documents issued by the Contracting Authority or contracts with its suppliers fall to be disclosed the Contracting Authority will redact them as it thinks necessary, having regard (inter alia) to the exemptions/exceptions in the FOIA or EIR.
Bidder	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
guidance	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail
criteria	
Bidder	Yes / No
response	

AW1.3	 CERTIFICATE OF BONA FIDE BID The essence of procurement is that the customer shall receive bona fide competitive Bids, from all those Bidding. In recognition of this principle, we certify that this is a bona fide bid, intended to be competitive and that we have not fixed or adjusted the amount of bid by or under or in accordance with any agreement with any other person. We also certify that we have not done and we undertake that we will not do at any time before the hour and date specified for the return of this bid any of the following: (a) Communicate to a person other than the person calling for these bids the amount or approximate amount of the proposed bid, except where the disclosure, in confidence, of the approximate amount of the bid was necessary to obtain insurance premium quotations for the preparation of the bid; (b) Enter into any agreement or arrangement with any other person that he shall refrain from bidding or as to the amount of any bid to be submitted; (c) Offer to pay or agree to pay or give any sum of money or valuable consideration directly or indirectly to any person for doing or having done or causing or have caused to be done in relation to any other bid or proposed bid for the said supply / service any act or thing of the sort described above. In this certificate, the word "person" includes any persons and any body or association, corporate or unincorporated, and any "agreement or arrangement" includes any such transaction, formal or informal, and whether legally binding or not. We acknowledge that the Contracting Authority will be entitled to cancel the contract and to recover from us the amount of any loss resulting from such cancellation if we or our representatives (whether with our without our knowledge) shall have practiced collusion in Bidding for thi
Distates	purposes.
Bidder	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
guidance	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
Scoring	Mandatory Pass / Fail

Yes / No
Yes / No
In the event of a Bidder successfully providing the most advantageous offer to the Contracting Authority against a procurement requirement, the Bidder is expected to provide an answer to the attached questions as a validation check prior to the award of any Contract. If the Bidder fails to meet the Contracting Authority's expectations we reserve the right to not award the Contract to the relevant Bidder and either award to the Bidder with the second most advantageous response or run a new procurement.`
The Bidder is not required to complete the validation check at this stage but will be required to respond to the questions in the event of providing the most advantageous offer to the Contracting Authority's against a procurement requirement. Yes – Pass No – Fail
Mandatory Pass / Fail
Yes I have understood that I need to complete the validation check in the
event of providing the most advantageous offer to the Contracting Authority
against a procurement requirement.
Please confirm your acceptance of the attached Contract Terms.
The Bidder shall answer Yes , No with justification or No Yes – Pass No with justification – Pass. See question AW4.2 for details of what amounts to a valid justification. No – Fail

Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder	Drop down menu - Yes, No with justification, No
response	

AW4.2	Where a Bidder has answered question AW4.1 with 'no with justification' they must detail the justification and the proposed change to the clause.
Bidder guidance	A justification for not accepting a specific clause or series of clauses from the attached Contract Terms is that the Bidder would be in breach of legal requirements or statutory regulations by complying with that clause or series of clauses (i.e. for the avoidance of doubt, being unable to comply

	 with a clause or series of clauses because of an internal policy reason will not be considered to be a justification for a legal requirement or statutory regulation). Where the Bidder has answered question AW4.1 as "no with justification", the Bidder shall provide a Contract mark-up utilising track changes detailing the relevant clause, the proposed changes to the clause and the justification for the changes. In this case, the Bidder shall score a pass if (but only if) the Contracting Authority considers both the following requirements are satisfied: the reasons stated as justifying the Bidder's statement that it cannot accept the Contract Terms due to legal requirements or statutory regulations are valid; and the changes submitted do not create significant risk for the Contracting Authority regulations. Where a Bidder has answered Question AW4.1 with 'Yes' or 'No' it must answer 'not applicable' to achieve a Pass to question AW4.2 (noting that an answer of 'No' to question AW4.1 has already resulted in a fail). In the event of a Bidder answering Yes or No to Question AW4.1 and then providing a proposed mark up, rejection of a clause or a justification for a change then the response will be a Fail.
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Drop down menu 'N/A' 'I have answered AW4.1 'No with justification' and attach modifications / requested / justification'.

SEL3.14	Please confirm that you have the following skills and capabilities :
	 Successfully finding, attracting and placing high-calibre candidates in both executive and non-executive roles of commensurate seniority, complexity and challenge Having an international reach with evidence of finding, attracting and placing candidates on a worldwide basis Successfully recruiting executives from the business sector with specific evidence of recruiting from the advanced technology, innovation and venture capital sectors Finding and attracting a diverse pool of candidates, in terms of protected characteristics as well as breadth and depth of experience
	Please provide not less than 2 recent examples within the past 24 months where candidates have been successfully placed in one executive role and one non-executive role of commensurate seniority, complexity and challenge.
	If you cannot provide at least 2 example, in no more than 1000 words please provide an explanation for this e.g. your organisation is a new start- up or you have provided services in the past but not under a contract.

Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No with attachments
	Yes – the bidder has confirmed that they have the skills and capabilities listed and provided 2 examples with the supporting evidence
	No – the bidder hasn't confirmed that they have all of the skills and capabilities listed or the examples supported with sufficient evidence have not been provided
Scoring criteria	For Information Only
Bidder	Yes/No
response	

PRICE QUESTIONNAIRE

AW5.2	Bidders are required to complete the Excel Pricing Schedule attached in the Bidder Response section.		Schedule attached
	All prices sha	II be exclusive of VAT.	
		earing elsewhere in the Bid but not mo dule shall be presumed waived.	entioned in this
Bidder guidance	The scoring me	onfirm they have completed the Pricing S ethodology for this question shall be: ce for a response which meets the pas	
		shall be scored on a pro rata basis in r ore is then subject to a multiplier to re ce criterion.	
	Where the sco be multiplied by	ring criterion is worth 50% then the 0-10 y 50	0 score achieved will
	equate to 40°	if a supplier scores 80 from the availab % by using the following calculation: 0 (80/100 x 50 = 40)	
		ore possible is 0 even if the price sub han the lowest price.	omitted is more than
	100. All other	ce for a response which meets the pas bids shall be scored on a pro rata ba he lowest score possible is 0.	
	For example, a	ssuming the lowest bid is £100,000.	
	Bid Price	Differential to the lowest price which meets the mandatory pass criteria	Score
	£100,000	0	100
	£120,000	20%	80
	£140,000	40%	60
	£150,000	50%	50
	£175,000	75%	25
	£200,000	100%	0
Sooring	£300,000 Maximum Mark	200%	0
Scoring criteria		15 20 /0	
Bidder	Yes		
response			
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AW5.5	The Contracting Authority is committed to delivering payments to
	suppliers within the timescales stated within our Contract terms and
	intend to embrace e-invoicing.

	There are a number of options for suppliers to choose from outlined in the attached FAQ. Please confirm your acceptance of e-payment.
	ADI Consolidated Data Upload ISupplier
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No Yes – we will utilise an e-invoicing option - Pass No – we will not utilise an e-invoicing option - Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Yes / No

AW5.6	Please confirm if you are successfully awarded this contract your implementation team will work with the Contracting Authority to ensure that e-invoicing is established within 28 days of Contract award by the Contracting Authority.
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No
-	Yes – Pass
	No – Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder	Yes / No
response	

QUALITY QUESTIONNAIRE

AW6.1	Please confirm your compliance to the requirements of Section 4 Specification
Bidder guidance	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No Yes – Pass No – Fail
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder response	Yes / No

AW6.2	Variable Bids
Bidder	The Contracting Authority shall not accept variable bids as part of this
guidance	Procurement. The criteria in regards to variable bids for this Procurement is outlined below.

	The Bidder shall answer Yes or No Yes - We have provided a variable bid only – Fail No - We have chosen to only offer a main bid and have not chosen to provide an alternative bid submission – Pass
Scoring criteria	Mandatory Pass / Fail
Bidder	Yes / No
response	

PROJ1.1	Methodology and approach
	Bidders are required to demonstrate how they will source, attract and place high-calibre candidates in executive and non-executive roles of commensurate seniority, complexity and challenge. Suppliers are to demonstrate a proposed methodology and approach for delivering this outcome for the duration of this contract.
	The response must include as a minimum:
	 Design and development How you will conduct search, advertising and attraction campaigns Full details of the recruitment process you will undertake in the event your bid is successful. Timescales of the process from start to finish How your methodology aligns with the Contracting authories expectations of recruiting high calibre candidates. Details of the key assumptions that have been made in alignments with the specicifation that relate to your ability to deliver the quality within the budget and timeline provided.
Bidder guidance	An attachment is allowed for this question
guidance	This question is limited to 3 sides of A4, font 12pt Arial. Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process.Bidders are asked to confirm that they have attached their response as a
Secring	PDF attachment to this question Maximum Marks 12.5%
Scoring criteria	
Bidder response	Yes, I have attached my response as a PDF to this question

PROJ1.2	International reach
	Bidders are required to demonstrate how they will attract and place high- calibre candidates specifically who are currently working internationally in executive and non-executive roles of commensurate seniority, complexity and challenge from the appropriate sector. Bidders are to demonstrate a proposed methodology and approach for delivering this particular outcome.

	The response must include as a minimum:
	 Design and development approaches to recruitment of international candidates
	 How you will conduct search, advertising and attraction campaigns with particular reference to searching for candidates from outside of the UK
	 Full details of the recruitment process and how this will be specifically tailored to international candidates
	 Timescales of the process from start to finish ensuring this aligns with the Contracting Authorites requirements
	 Details of the key assumptions that have been made in alignments with the specicifation that relate to your ability to deliver the quailty within the budget and timeline provided.
Bidder	An attachment is allowed for this question
guidance	This question is limited to 3 sides of A4, font 12pt Arial. Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process.
	Bidders are asked to confirm that they have attached their response as a PDF attachment to this question
Scoring criteria	Maximum Marks 12.5%
Bidder response	Yes, I have attached my response as a PDF to this question

PROJ1.3	Sectors
	Bidders are required to demonstrate how they will recruit high-calibre candidates in executive and non-executive roles of commensurate seniority, complexity and challenge from the advanced technology, innovation and venture capital sectors. Bidders are required to detail how different approaches are made dependent on the individual sector and how these specific approaches will be applied to ensure suitable candidates from different sectors will be considered.
Bidder guidance	An attachment is allowed for this question
	This question is limited to 3 sides of A4, font 12pt Arial. Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process.
	Bidders are asked to confirm that they have attached their response as a PDF attachment to this question
Scoring criteria	Maximum Marks 12.5%
Bidder response	Yes, I have attached my response as a PDF to this question
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PROJ1.4	Diversity
	As part of the recruitment process, bidders are required to demonstrate

	how they will comply with the diversity statement within the specification and how this would be utilised in the selection of candidates that would be put forward for interview for the executive and non-executive roles referred to in the specification.
	Bidders are also required to detail how selection lists will be developed with a breakdown of candidate numbers based on the stated protected characteristics of the diversity statement.
Bidder guidance	An attachment is allowed for this question
guidance	This question is limited to 3 sides of A4, font 12pt Arial. Any additional content provided beyond this will not be considered or scored during the evaluation process.
	Bidders are asked to confirm that they have attached their response as a PDF attachment to this question
Scoring	Maximum Marks 12.5%
criteria	
Bidder	Yes, I have attached my response as a PDF to this question
response	

PROJ1.5	Interview
	Please confirm that you will attend the interviews that are to be held on week commencing 15 th April 2019 at BEIS offices, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET
	There will be no opportunity at this interview to discuss the written bid and bidders should also not the responses provided at this interview should be standalone to the written submission. There will be no allowance of scores provided for covering off material that will have already been scored under the written response.
	Suppliers will be invited to an interview on xxx to be held at BEIS offices, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET. Suppliers will be provided with further detail regarding the time 2 days prior to the presentation.
	At this interview bidders will be asked to provide a 10 minute presentation around how they will address the ongoing challenges of the public sector pay constraints when attracting suitable candidates for these roles, the presentation should provide details on the stratagies as well as the unique selling points of these roles that will be utilised when recruiting ongoing candidates.
	The following questions will make up the interview:
	 What will be your search and outreach priorities in order to find strong and suitable candidates for this role?
	• Public sector pay constraints mean the remuneration package is unlikely to be a strong motivator for taking this role, what will be your most persuasive arguments to attract appropriately high calibre candidates to apply from other sectors taking into consideration pay factors?
	If at the mid-point of the campaign your proposed methodology and

	approach hasn't delivered a sufficiently diverse pool of candidates, what will you do to address this shortfall, as well as this how do you intend on mitigating the potential for this situation arising.
	 How will you manage your relationship with both UKRI and BEIS, given the respective roles and responsibilities for this recruitment? Bidders should also explain their processes for engagement and communication thoughout the campaign to ensure all stakeholders are suitability briefed.
	This presentation will be worth 30% of the final score.
	All suppliers will be invited to attend a interview, however at the discretion of UK SBS and the contracting authority, if after evaluating your price and written submitted bid, you are not mathematically capable of winning we will engage with you so that you may choose not to attend if preferred.
	Please supply the names and of up to four people you intend to bring to the presentation.
Bidder guidance	Scoring shall be based on 0-100 scoring methodology.
0	Yes – I will attend the interview
	No – I will not attend this interview
Scoring criteria	Maximum Marks 30%
Bidder	Yes/No
response	