## **CONTRACT NOTICE**

#### SERVICES

## SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

I.1) NAME, ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINTS(S):
 Official Name: Procurement
 Address: Abercrombie House, Eaglesham Road,
 Town: East Kilbride
 Country: UK
 Internet address(es):

## Further information can be obtained at:

Official Name: Country: UKhttps://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/ **Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained at:** Official Name: Country: UK Internet Address: https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/ **Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to:** Official Name: Country: UK Internet Address: https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/ **Internet** Address: https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/ **I.2) TYPE OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY AND MAIN ACTIVITIY OR ACTIVITIES:** REGIONAL AUTHORITY GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES

#### SECTION II: OBJECT OF THE CONTRACT II.1) DESCRIPTION

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority: Improving Communication of Research Evidence for Development (ICRED)
II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance: SERVICES
Main site or location of works: South Lanarkshire
NUTS code: UKM38
II.1.3) This notice involves

#### **II.1.4) Information on framework agreement:**

Duration of the framework agreement: Duration in year(s):

Justification for a framework agreement, the duration of which exceeds four years: Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement: **II.1.5)** Short description of the contract or purchases(s):

Having the ability to make evidence-informed policy and practice decisions is vital to support efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. The Department for International Development (DFID) has designed the Improving Communication of Research Evidence for development programme (ICRED) to increase the impact of investments in development research, by supporting improved capacity of researchers and intermediaries in DFID priority countries to access, appraise and communicate evidence and rigorous research. Results of this programme are expected to include enhanced capacity of researchers (e.g. academics) and intermediaries (e.g. the media; civil society organisations) in DFID priority countries to routinely gather, appraise and communicate research evidence to inform the public, and increase the use of rigorous evidence for more effective development policy and practice. DFID will be seeking proposals for a range of projects that aim to build capacity of researchers and intermediaries to access, appraise and communicate evidence and rigorous research to inform development policy and practice. DFID has committed £12 million to this programme, which is expected to become operational during 2015/16, and a further 500,000 for an evaluation stream which will be commissioned following project selection. This programme will help inform DFID and other development research funders on what types of research uptake capacity building approaches are most cost effective and have the greatest impact. It is anticipated that project contracts will run for 5 years.

## **II.1.6)** Common procurement vocabulary:

75211200 , 73110000

**II.1.7)** Contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA):

YES II.1.8) Division into lots:

Division into lots: II.1.9) Variants will be accepted: NO II.2) QUANTITY OR SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT

## **II.2.1)** Total quantity or scope:

Estimated value excl. VAT: 1200000 Currency: GBP **II.2.2) Options: II.3) DURATION OF THE CONTRACT OR TIME-LIMIT FOR COMPLETION:** Duration in months: 60 (From the award of contract).

#### SECTION III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANTIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

## **III.1) CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT**

III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required:

See PQQ for details

**III.1.2)** Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions regulating them:

See PQQ for details

**III.1.3)** Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:

See PQQ for details

**III.1.4)** Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject:

No

**III.2) CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION** 

## **III.2.1)** Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers:

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: See PQQ for details

## **III.2.2)** Economic and financial capacity:

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: See PQQ for details

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: See PQQ for details

#### **III.2.3)** Technical capacity:

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: See PQQ for details

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: See PQQ for details **III.2.4**) Reserved contracts:

## **III.3) CONDITIONS SPECIFIC TO SERVICES CONTRACTS**

III.3.1) Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession:  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{No}}$ 

**III.3.2)** Legal entities should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service:

#### SECTION IV: PROCEDURE

#### IV.1) TYPE OF PROCEDURE

IV.1.1) Type of procedure: Restricted IV.1.2) Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate: Envisaged number of operators: Minimum: 3 Maximum: 5 Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: **IV.1.3) Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue:** NO **IV.2) AWARD CRITERIA** 

#### IV.2.1) Award criteria:

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of criteria stated below:

1: Criteria: Methodology Weighting: 30 2: Criteria: Quality of personnel Weighting: 30 3: Criteria: Commercial Weighting: 20 4: Criteria: Planning, monitoring and evaluation Weighting: 10 **5**: Criteria: Value for money Weighting: 10 IV.2.2) An electronic auction will be used: No

## **IV.3) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

## IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:

7191

IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract:

#### No IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: Payable documents: No

IV.3.4) Time-limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate:

3. 8. 2015 - 14:00

## **IV.3.5)** Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates:

IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up:  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{EN}}$ 

**IV.3.7) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender:** Period in months (from date stated for receipt of tenders): 6

## IV.3.8) Conditions for opening tenders:

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: No **SECTION VI: COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** 

## VI.1) THIS IS A RECURRENT PROCUREMENT:

No

# VI.2) CONTRACT RELATED TO A PROJECT AND/OR PROGRAMME FINANCED BY EU FUNDS:

No

## VI.3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Additional Information: This requirement falls under the Research exemption as the benefits will not accrue exclusively to DFID and therefore the Public Contracts Regulations will not apply. This requirement is being advertised in OJEU voluntarily to increase visibility of the requirement. Expressions of interest should be submitted via the DFID Portal,

https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/ using the PQQ guidance available. DFID programme staff should not be contacted directly. Following assessment of expressions of interest, DFID will invite short listed applicants to submit full technical and commercial proposals and inform applicants not short listed that they are unsuccessful. The contract will be governed by English law. DFID reserves the right to annul the tendering process and not award a contract. Where circumstances require further extension beyond the original contract

duration/agreed extensions DFID will consider doing so by means of the negotiated procedure where necessary conditions can be met. **VI.4) PROCEDURES FOR APPEAL** 

## VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures:

Official Name: Michael Ross Address: Abercrombie House Town: East Kilbride Country: UK Postal Code: G75 8EA **Body responsible for mediation procedures: VI.4.2) Lodging of appeals:** Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: **VI.4.3) Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained: VI.5) DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE:** 30. 6. 2015