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Prior information notice

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Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)
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United Kingdom
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NUTS code: UK

Internet address(es):

Main address: <https://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: UK Research and Innovation is a new body which works in partnership with universities, research organisations, businesses, charities and government to create the best possible environment for research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

Community of Practice Procurement - ISCF Healthy Ageing Programme
Reference number: UK SBS CS19261

II.1.2) Main CPV code

79400000

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description:

Innovate UK (UKRI) is seeking to secure a partner to establish and deliver a Community of Practice (CoP) which supports the Healthy Ageing Challenge participants through an environment of peer support and active learning. The Healthy Ageing Challenge is a £98M investment to enable businesses, including social enterprises, to develop and deliver products, services and business models that will be adopted at scale which support people

as they age. This will allow people to remain active, productive, independent and socially connected across generations for as long as possible.

The CoP will be responsible for sharing learnings between challenge participant organisations, identifying and overcoming common barriers, enabling collaboration between organisations and supporting the challenge in scaling and spreading ideas and good practice from the challenge to a wider interested audience.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 1 300 000.00 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)

85311100

98000000

85300000

79000000

79410000

79411100

72224000

79421000

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code: UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

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The objectives of the CoP are to - (for information – not yet finalised):

- Accelerate the pace of proposition development by identifying and overcoming common barriers and through the sharing of lessons learned;
- Generate insights that enable the spread of ideas, products, services and processes to other sectors and audiences;
- Support the Challenge in identifying what is most effective in contributing to healthy ageing, by making appropriate links from the emerging findings of Trailblazers with a wider evidence base within the research community and across the other Challenge activities; and to
- Enable the creation of new collaborations and partnerships where there is the potential to increase the collective impact of a set of complementary activities.

In order to deliver on these objectives, the community will need to be robustly co-designed with its members and ensure that it embeds best practice principles for effective active learning networks, ensuring that the community of practice is – (for information – not yet finalised):

- Accessible – allowing access to any individual who has a need to share and learn with the group regardless of their location or role;
- Relevant – sharing content which addresses and satisfies the needs of members;
- Flexible – adapting the focus and delivery approach of the community as projects mature and the needs of members change;
- Honest – enabling an open environment where members are comfortable to share lessons from threats and challenges, as well as from successes; and
- Regular – delivering a regular programme of activities to ensure engagement with the community is maintained throughout the lifecycle of the challenge.

Two features of the challenge which have implications on the way that the community of practice should be setup are the high degree of heterogeneity of projects, and the potential diversity of partners within consortia which will be supported through the Trailblazers. Market engagement conducted in March 2019 suggested around half of the potential bids would involve consortia with 10 or more members. Results from the engagement also demonstrated variance in the focus of propositions across all seven themes of the Healthy Ageing Challenge Framework, and also by the type of proposition, with a mix of those with a place-based population focus and those seeking to demonstrate single solution propositions.

Successful bidders for the CoP will need to demonstrate:

- Significant depth of experience of working on programmes related to healthy ageing;
- Experience facilitating active learning networks, particularly within communities where there are high degrees of heterogeneity, large numbers of consortia and a wide geographical spread;
- A breadth of appropriate capabilities for supporting organisations through the common challenges associated with developing, and taking to market, new service propositions for older people;
- Access to a broader network of the wider relevant capabilities needed to deliver a successful community.

II.2.14) **Additional information**

Innovate UK (UKRI) is considering what a Community of Practice in relation to the Healthy Aging Programme may look like, and how best to address the sourcing of a partner to set up and manage this Community of Practice.

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

18/10/2019

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:**

Innovate UK (UKRI) now seek to gauge the market response to Innovate UK's requirements so that we can understand the potential needs of a prospective partner, enabling Innovate UK to facilitate the partner's success in the development of a community of practice for the Healthy Aging Programme.

Supplier Day

This Prior Information Notice is being issued in order to undertake a market consultation exercise with regards to the current view of requirements detailed above. If you believe that this will be of interest to you

and your organisation, please register your interest by sending an email to the following email address:

professionalservices@uksbs.co.uk

By registering and attending you will be engaging in non-competitive dialogue which will enable Innovate UK to develop and assess the market's appetite, concerns, and views on formulation of its requirements.

Please register by Friday 13th September 2019 and clearly state whether there will be one or two attendants from your organisation.

We anticipate the new contract being a two year plus 2 agreement

The supplier engagement day will be held on:

Friday 20th September

10:00am – 12:00pm

Address:

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)

Conference Centre – Room C13

1 Victoria Street,

London

SW1H 0ET

Once you have registered your interest we will confirm the format of the Supplier Day and issue an agenda in advance to those who have confirmed their attendance.

Innovate UK may consider information and responses received as part of the preliminary market consultation to help inform Innovate UK's options and further decision making in relation to the planning and conduct of the proposed procurement.

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 potential future procurement, nor is it intended that any information supplied as part of preliminary market consultation shall place any supplier at an advantage in a potential procurement process.

Participation in preliminary market consultation will be at each supplier's own cost.

About the contracting Authority - UK Research and Innovation:

Operating across the whole of the UK and with a combined budget of more than £6 billion, UK Research and Innovation represents the largest reform of the research and innovation funding landscape in the last 50 years.

As an independent non-departmental public body UK Research and Innovation brings together the seven Research Councils (AHRC, BBSRC, EPSRC, ESRC, MRC, NERC, STFC) plus Innovate UK and a new organisation, Research England.

UK Research and Innovation ensures the UK maintains its world-leading position in research and innovation.

This is done by creating the best environment for research and innovation to flourish.

For more information, please visit: www.ukri.org

About Innovate UK:

Innovate UK works with people, companies and partner organisations to find and drive the science and technology innovations that will grow the UK economy. They drive growth by working with companies to de-risk, enable and support innovation.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/innovate-uk>

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

03/09/2019