**Invitation to Quote: Web-based Tool for the London International Development Centre Migration Leadership Team**

**Introduction:**

SOAS, University of London is inviting quotations for a Web-based Tool for the London International Development Centre Migration Leadership Team (LIDC-MLT). The Contract has an anticipated value of GBP10,000.

**The Project:**

The LIDC-MLT is funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) to develop a shared and participatory global strategy for migration research.

The LIDC-MLT’s remit is to assess the scope, achievements and challenges of the existing portfolio of global migration research; identify strategic opportunities and priorities for further research; and highlight best practice in the area of impact. The project brings together and provides networking opportunities for researchers, policy-makers, practitioners, migrants’ associations and arts organisations.

In addition to the global strategy for migration research, findings will feed into outputs including: a web-based tool and a report identifying areas of research priorities; examples of pathways to impact that have been, or are likely to be, promising; and platforms for communication and collaboration that are likely to help bridge research, policy, and public engagement.

**The Services:**

The LIDC-MLT requires a Subcontractor to develop a web-based tool to capture the migration research funding landscape of the Economic and Social Research Council and Arts and Humanities Research Council (i.e. the current and historic research projects being funded by these Councils). The tool will be accessible to multiple user groups, including the UK Research Councils, other government and non-government funders, researchers, policy makers, practitioners, NGOs, arts-based organisations, philanthropic groups, journalists and the media.

The tool will organise data around the following categories: Themes, Partnerships, Impact, and Methodologies. These categories will enable users to search to identify gaps in the existing research landscape, or to identify existing research projects/researchers/partners working in their selected discipline(s). The tool should therefore present data in visually accessible and interesting ways and remain sensitive to the search terms required for each of the user groups identified above. This builds on but goes beyond [Gateways to Research](https://gtr.ukri.org/) in aggregating categories and making them more accessible to users of research. We will be looking to see innovative approaches which appropriately capture the breadth and diversity of the portfolio and meet needs of the varied user groups.

The LIDC-MLT will work closely with the Subcontractor at each stage of the process, however it is anticipated that the tool may include maps (for example: https://www.ukri.org/research/global-challenges-research-fund/funded-projects/), bubbles representing the intensity of research around selected categories or themes or other engaging and accessible tools.

The data to sit behind the tool will be provided in Excel format, and will be maintained after the launch of the tool to ensure it is ‘live’ to changes, having the facility to add new projects as they are funded. The Subcontractor should therefore ensure the LIDC-MLT is trained in maintaining the back-end of the tool.

The timeline and deliverables will be agreed with the selected Subcontractor, with an end date of the Contract anticipated to be 16 September 2019.

**Invitation to Quote:**

The closing date for quotation submissions is 19 July 2019. To submit a quote, email migrationleadershipteam@soas.ac.uk with the following:

* Attachment 1: Budget proposal outlining your quotation in GBP and inclusive of any VAT.
* Attachment 2: Narrative proposal outlining:
	+ Your relevant experience
	+ Your approach to the production of the web-based tool requirements set out in this TOR, including proposed timelines for completion, and the value-add of your particular approach
	+ Who you see the users being, and how you intend to make the tool accessible to them
	+ Proposed mechanism for monitoring and uptake of the tool, and a plan for longevity and future-proofing
	+ Strategy for maximising accessibility for users with diverse needs including people with disabilities
	+ Your commitment to use open access software

Applications will be evaluated against the criteria specified above (Attachment 1 + Attachment 2 criteria). The successful bid will be the one that, in the opinion of SOAS, University of London, offers the best value for money.

Quotes received after the deadline may not be accepted.