

**United Kingdom-East Kilbride: Research services**  
**OJ S 37/2015 21/02/2015**  
**Contract notice**  
**Services**

**Directive 2004/18/EC**

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

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Address of the buyer profile: <https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>

**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.3. Main activity**

General public services

**I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities**

**Section II: Object of the contract**

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**II.1. Description**

**II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

Africa-Britain-China Scoping Study.

**II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery**

Services

Service category No 27: Other services

Main site or place of performance: South Lanarkshire.

NUTS code UKM38 South Lanarkshire

**II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

**II.1.4. Information about framework agreement**

**II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

DFID require a scoping study to provide information, analysis, evidence and options for the development of a programme to support Africa-Britain-China agricultural technology research collaborations. This programme will mobilise joint expertise in the development of new

agricultural technology, innovation and knowledge exchange to support the sustainable intensification of agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), particularly for small-holder farmers. The scoping study was a commitment under the UK Agricultural Technologies Strategy. The research communities in Britain and China have distinct and complementary expertise in many areas of agricultural technology. Britain and China have the potential to be a source of evidence and lessons on sustainable intensification and agricultural technology development in Africa. China has a long history of innovation in boosting agricultural productivity to increase food supplies. Over the past decade a significant body of knowledge, experience and relationships have been built between Africa-Britain-China through a wide range of initiatives led by DFID, Defra, BBSRC and RCUK-China. There is now an opportunity to build on the potential demonstrated by these initiatives through a more coordinated UK-wide approach to address some of the challenges facing agricultural development in Africa.

The objectives of the scoping study will be:

1. Catalogue and synthesise lessons from existing Africa-Britain-China initiatives/relationships, and those completed in the past 3 years, in agricultural technology, innovation and knowledge exchange, including the underpinning science.
2. Assess the level of interest and willingness political feasibility in SSA, Britain and China to support and finance a potential new programme for agricultural technology, innovation and knowledge exchange.
3. Building on emerging lessons from other programmes, develop a preferred option for the design of the new programme, including governance, administrative, funding arrangements and technical priorities/themes.

The study will need to look at Political, Governance, Financial, Technical and Administrative issues and Private Sector Engagement. Consortium bids for this work are actively encouraged as DFID acknowledges that it is unlikely that one organisation will house the suite of skills and expertise required to carry-out the scoping study. Bidders are also encouraged to think creatively about how the objectives of the study could be achieved.

#### **II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

73110000 Research services, 73210000 Research consultancy services, 73300000 Design and execution of research and development, 79315000 Social research services

#### **II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

#### **II.1.8. Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

#### **II.1.9. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

### **II.2. Scope of the procurement**

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

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 240 000,00 and 260 000,00 GBP

#### **II.2.2. Information about options**

Options: no

#### **II.2.3. Information about renewals**

### **II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Duration in months: 7 (from the award of the contract)

### **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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#### **III.1. Conditions related to the contract**

##### **III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required**

None.

##### **III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

As per PQQ pack.

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

As per PQQ pack.

##### **III.1.4. Contract performance conditions**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

#### **III.2. Conditions for participation**

##### **III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions: As per PQQ pack.

##### **III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**

List and brief description of conditions: As per PQQ pack.

##### **III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of conditions:

As per PQQ pack.

##### **III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts**

#### **III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts**

##### **III.3.1. Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

##### **III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: no

### **Section IV: Procedure**

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#### **IV.1. Type of procedure**

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Restricted

##### **IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number 5: and Maximum number 8

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: As per PQQ pack.

**IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated no

**IV.2. Award criteria**

**IV.2.1. Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

**IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used: no

**IV.3. Administrative information**

**IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**

7072

**IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

no

**IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

Payable documents: no

**IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

18.3.2015 - 14:00

**IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

**IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English.

**IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders**

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: no

**Section VI: Complementary information**

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**VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

**VI.2. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

**VI.3. Additional information**

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement, and the contract will be awarded on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender. Tender

documents including terms of reference are available in our Supplier Portal. However, only Registered Suppliers can access these documents. Details on Supplier Portal and guidance to register can be found in: <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Work-with-us/DFID-portal/> Expressions of interest should be via the DFID portal, <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Procurement/DFID-portal/> using the PQQ guidance available. Programme staff should not be contacted directly. Following assessment of PQQ, 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 span a period of around 7 months. From 1.4.2001, all UK development assistance has been fully untied which allows suppliers from anywhere in the world to bid for DFID contracts.

#### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1. Review body**

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##### **VI.4.2. Review procedure**

##### **VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

##### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

16.2.2015