

**United Kingdom-East Kilbride: Evaluation consultancy services**

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

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For the attention of: William Maclean

E-mail: [w-maclean@dfid.gov.uk](mailto:w-maclean@dfid.gov.uk)**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**

Centre of Excellence for Development Impact and Learning — Programme Directorate.

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

Services

Service category No 24: Education and vocational education 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)**

The Department for International Development (DFID) is seeking to appoint a Programme Directorate to manage and implement the vision and evaluation research agenda of a multi-disciplinary Centre of Excellence for Development, Impact and Learning (CEDIL) in international development. CEDIL is being tendered in 2 stages. In this 2nd tender, DFID is seeking to appoint a Programme Directorate to manage and implement the vision and evaluation research agenda of CEDIL. This is a unique opportunity to manage and ensure the delivery of a large, high profile, international centre that will develop impact evaluation research capacity within the UK and internationally. The objective is to establish a high quality,

inter-disciplinary academic centre to innovate in the field of impact evaluation; design, commission and implement impact evaluations; and promote the uptake and use of evidence from impact evaluations. This should be delivered through a consortium consisting of the Research Director and Intellectual Leadership Team who have already been appointed through a separate tender and the Programme Directorate. The purpose of CEDIL is to drive forward the field of impact evaluation and development evaluation both theoretically and in practice. CEDIL will act as an international focal point and develop and demonstrate new and innovative methodologies for impact evaluation and evidence accumulation. The strategic direction of CEDIL will be guided by the Research Director and Intellectual leadership Team, with inputs and support from the Programme Directorate. CEDIL will promote and carry out innovative and rigorous impact evaluations to identify 'what works, for whom, in what contexts, how and when' in international development, as well as contribute to the advancement of emergent, pioneering and cutting edge methodologies for impact evaluation, in order to maximise the effectiveness of spending on international development by: — Strategically delivering high-quality, systematic and rigorous evaluation of complex international development interventions, including some of DFID's interventions; — Adapting existing methodologies and pioneering new evaluation approaches and designs that draw on social, natural, biomedical science and other disciplines to advance DFID's understanding of 'what works, for whom, in what contexts, how and when' in international development; — Developing capacity in DFID, evaluation suppliers and the evaluation community more broadly so that DFID can commission robust evaluations which use the approaches and designs that have been adapted and developed, and the market has the skills to apply them; — Systematically and rigorously accumulating, modelling and analysing bodies of evidence in a manner that improves the external validity of findings and identifies where further investigation is most needed; — Promoting the use and uptake of evaluation evidence in international development organisations and their partners (both in the UK and internationally). — A communication strategy will be required to raise awareness of CEDIL's work and keep partners abreast of progress and key outcomes. The Programme Directorate will have overall responsibility for the delivery of this 5 year programme, including the management of a 10 000 000 GBP fund for impact evaluation. The Programme Directorate will be responsible for planning, managing and implementing the vision and impact evaluation agenda of the Research Director and Intellectual Leadership Team. DFID will transfer responsibility for the management of the Research Director contract to the Programme Directorate once the Programme Directorate is in place through a novation between months 9-12. The aim of this tendering process is to secure top programme management talent alongside the best global academic expertise to deliver world class evaluation research. The services will be a public good, with many of the outputs from the programme used to inform international development policies and programmes both in the UK and globally. The Centre will make its products publicly available in accordance with DFID's Open Access Policy, as well as direct service to DFID programmes. DFID and its international partners will also be a recipient of the services.

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

79419000 Evaluation consultancy services

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

**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**

15 000 000 GBP.

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

Options: yes

Description of options: DFID reserves the right, if CEDIL is delivering well, to extend this programme by a further 3-5 years and increase its investment and scale up CEDIL up to a value of 40 000 000 GBP subject to further ministerial approval and programme performance.

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

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

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

Duration in months: 60 (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**

N/a.

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

The contract will be governed by English Law. Prices are not required at the Selection Questionnaire stage, however, when required, prices must be quoted in GBP. All payments for the contract will be made in GBP Stirling. DFID reserves the right to annul the process at any point and not award the contract.

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

Joint and several liabilities. DFID reserves the right to require joint ventures to form a single legal entity.

#### **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: See document: SQ Supplier Information and Instructions for details.

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

List and brief description of conditions: See document: SQ Supplier Information and Instructions for details.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: See document: SQ Supplier Information and Instructions for details.

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

List and brief description of conditions:

See document: SQ Supplier Information and Instructions for details.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

See document: SQ Supplier Information and Instructions for details.

#### **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: Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Mandatory and discretionary exclusion, economic and financial standing, technical and professional ability, Modern Slavery Act 2015 requirements, minimum insurance requirements, tenderers past performance, duty of care, international aid transparency initiative, acceptance of DFID terms and conditions, and DFID statement of priorities and expectations / code of conduct, as outlined in SQ document 'Supplier Information and Instructions'. A tenderer must meet the selection criterion in relation to reliability namely that DFID must be satisfied that (i) The contract on the list to be provided by the Tenderer have been satisfactorily performed in accordance with their terms or, (ii) Where that has not occurred, the reason or reasons why that has not occurred in relation to any such contract, will not recur in the performance of the contract to be awarded. A tenderer that fails to meet this selection criterion will not proceed further in this competition.

##### **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**

7948

**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**

25.4.2017 - 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 Authority expressly reserves the right (i) Not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice: and (ii) To make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition: and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by the candidates.

Procurement documents can be accessed through the DFID Supplier portal. (<https://supplier.portal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>).

**VI.4. Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1. Review body**

**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**

22.3.2017