

United Kingdom-London: Research consultancy services
OJ S 61/2020 26/03/2020
Contract award notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

Postal address: 100 Parliament Street

Town: London

NUTS code: UKI London

Postal code: SW1A 2BQ

Country: United Kingdom

Contact person: DCMS Commercial

E-mail: commercial@culture.gov.uk

Telephone: +44 2072116000

Internet address(es):

Main address: www.gov.uk/dcms

Address of the buyer profile: www.gov.uk/dcms

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.5. Main activity

Recreation, culture and religion

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

Technical Analysis and Comparison of Approaches to Bias Identification and Mitigation in Decision Making Algorithms

Reference number: 101579

II.1.2. Main CPV code

73210000 Research consultancy services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

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Government themed around the areas of tools, data and governance which will be published in March 2020. We will provide an initial list of tools and approaches to guide the assessment and standards development, however further work will be needed to ensure this has sufficient coverage to capture all the key approaches available. The focus of our work in this space is financial services and recruitment. Therefore, we would expect this work to provide good coverage and analysis of tools that are explicitly aimed at these two sectors.

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7. Total value of the procurement

Value excluding VAT: 125 000,00 GBP

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

73110000 Research services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKI London

Main site or place of performance: LONDON.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

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The focus of our work in this space is financial services and recruitment. Therefore, we would expect this work to provide good coverage and analysis of tools that are explicitly aimed at these two sectors. However, we would also want tools included which had a more general applicability. Throughout the analysis, we would expect commentary on how these approaches may differ depending on the sector in which they are applied.

Drawing on the comparison and overall assessment of tools, the supplier should then provide separate detailed technical standards for analytical products or services, which are used to identify bias and means for mitigating bias. We would expect these standards to take into account the different decision-making contexts that bias may occur in, specifically in relation to financial services and recruitment.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Skills, expertise and capacity / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Methodology / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Data protection / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Understanding of the sector / Weighting: 15

Cost criterion - Name: Pricing / Weighting: 30

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.13. Information about European Union funds

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

II.2.14. Additional information

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2. Administrative information

IV.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number in the OJ S: [2019/S 188-457444](#)

IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system

IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: 101579

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

V.2. Award of contract

V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

19/03/2020

V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Faculty Science Ltd

National registration number: 08873131

Postal address: 54 Welbeck Street

Town: London

NUTS code: UKI London

Postal code: W1G 9XS

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <https://faculty.ai/>

The contractor is an SME: yes

V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 125 000,00 GBP

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V.2.5. Information about subcontracting

Section VI: Complementary information

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.

Tenders must be submitted via the Delta e-sourcing portal to be received no later than 12.00 (BST), 25 October 2019 (the deadline for receipt of tender responses). Please ensure that you allow yourself plenty of time when responding to this invite prior to the closing date and time, especially if you have been asked to upload documents.

To view this notice, please click here:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/delta/viewNotice.html?noticeId=483737790>

Go reference: GO-2020323-PRO-16225884

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

23/03/2020