

**United Kingdom-East Kilbride: Research and development services and related 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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Country: United Kingdom

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:**Postal address: All communication and requests for information should be directly through DFID's supplier portal <https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>

Country: United Kingdom

**Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted:** Postal address: All communication and requests for information should be directly through DFID's supplier portal <https://supplierportal.dfid.gov.uk/selfservice/>

Country: United Kingdom

**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**

Delivering Sustainable Intensification of Agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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

Services

Service category No 11: Management consulting services [6] and related services

Main site or place of performance: United Kingdom.

NUTS code UK United Kingdom

**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 (Research and Evidence Division) is seeking a Service Provider, or Consortium, to establish a new research programme on sustainable intensification of agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa. This programme aims to address one of the most intractable problems facing small-holder farmers in Africa — how to engage in the market economy and to deliver sustainable intensification of agriculture, that is, which avoids negative impacts on the environment. It will generate new evidence to help women and poor African smallholder farmers develop environmentally and financially sustainable enterprises and boost productivity. The research will focus on Sub-Saharan Africa, with a particular emphasis on Ethiopia, Tanzania, Ghana, Malawi, Mali and Zambia, complementing other research efforts in these regions, i.e. Africa Rising, Vital Signs and Humid Tropics. The Service Provider will be required to commission and manage competitive research grants, ensuring close links with stakeholders, decision makers and the complementary research programmes and the uptake and communications of the research outputs generated. They will ensure that research is made available and accessible to decision makers at local, national and regional levels. They will work to ensure that the knowledge and decision making tools generated by the programme are available to all investors who seek to help women and poor smallholder farmers to overcome barriers to participation in the market economy. As a minimum, the Service Provider will be expected to demonstrate extensive expertise in the management of research for development in relevant countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, and particularly in relation to research in agriculture. They should have experience in managing competitive research calls and adding value to research programmes. They should be able to provide evidence of success in communicating research outputs to stakeholders (including to policy stakeholders). The Service Provider must have a clear governance and management structure in place for the programme which is viable, feasible and represents value for money. The Service Provider will manage a grant fund of 6 500 000 GBP. The contract is scheduled to commence in March 2015 and will run for a period of 5 years until February 2020. An extension of up to 18 months may be granted subject to resources and need.

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

73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services, 73200000 Research and development consultancy 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**

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

Options: yes

Description of options: DFID reserves the right to extend the contract by a further 18 months. We may also choose to scale up the grant funds.

### **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**

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

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

#### **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**

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

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

#### **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

#### **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 Criteria below

1. Overall methodology/approach to the research. Weighting 35
2. Quality, composition, organisation and management of the group/team. Weighting 35
3. Commercial. Weighting 30

### **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**

6921

### **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**

24.10.2014 - 14:00

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

29.10.2014

### **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 draft 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 60 months. If circumstances require further extension beyond the original contract duration /agreed extensions, DFID will consider doing so by means of the negotiated procedure where necessary conditions can be met. 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**

19.9.2014