

United Kingdom-Bristol: Research consultancy services

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Higher Education Funding Council for England

Postal address: Northavon House, Coldharbour Lane

Town: Bristol

Postal code: BS15 3PB

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address(es):General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/>Address of the buyer profile: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/hefce/asp/Tenders/Current>**Additional information can be obtained from:**

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Body governed by public law

I.3. Main activity

Education

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

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description

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

Invitation to tender: Research into the supply and demand of part-time and flexible learning across English localities.

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

Services
NUTS code

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

The notice involves a public contract

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

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

The Council would like to develop a much greater understanding of the way in which local conditions impact on the supply of and demand for part-time and flexible HE study at undergraduate and postgraduate level. To do this we wish to commission an England-wide, mixed-method research programme to be conducted over two stages. Alongside the research HEFCE will fund and organise a steering group and high-profile dissemination events. For this research to be successful it will be essential to capture information throughout England. We therefore expect contractors to demonstrate how they will utilise and engage with regional networks and regional specialists - this might be through contracting with partners and collaborators where necessary.

We expect proposals to set out how any work sub-contracted or conducted through partners (for whom the contractor would be responsible) would be quality assured.

Further information can be obtained by visiting <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/hefce/asp/Tenders/Current>. Please express an interest in order to be sent the full Invitation to Tender document.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

73210000 Research 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

II.2.2. Information about options

II.2.3. Information about renewals

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

Start 15.1.2014. Completion 1.2.2015

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

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

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

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

IV.1. Type of procedure

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Open

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

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

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

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

9.12.2013

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

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 10.12.2013

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

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

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

29.10.2013