



[REDACTED]

10 September 2021

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information request: FOI2021/00380

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 18 August in which you requested the following:

Your request:

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to the contract below.

Sequencing Services contract with BSB:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/52aae6dd-0b67-40ff-84fb-f1cb0e99380f>

The details we require are:

- Suppliers who applied for inclusion on each framework/contract and were successful & not successful at the PQQ & ITT stages*
- Actual spend on this contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date*
- Start date & duration of framework/contract?*
- Could you please provide a copy of the service/product specification given to all bidders for when this contract was last advertised?*
- Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?*
- Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?*
- Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?*

Our response

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) hold the information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

Suppliers who applied for inclusion on each framework/contract and were successful & not successful at the PQQ & ITT stages

This requirement was not tendered. It was processed as a single source action, as Only Broken Strings Ltd was the only supplier capable of providing the service required.

Actual spend on this contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date

Actual spend so far has been £2,592. Contract Value is £50,000.

Start date & duration of framework/contract?

The 6 month contract commenced 1 March 2021.

Could you please provide a copy of the service/product specification given to all bidders for when this contract was last advertised?

This requirement was not advertised therefore there was no specification given to bidders.

Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?

No extension option was included in the contract.

Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?

There is no plan currently to renew this.

Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?

The procurement team are responsible for this contract and can be contacted at: commercial@ukri.org

Please note that the name, job title and contact details of the person responsible for this contract has been withheld. We consider that this information constitutes personal data and falls under the exemption at section 40(2) of the FOI Act. Section 40(2) exempts personal information such as names of individuals from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would, amongst other things, contravene one of the data protection principles. Disclosing this information would contravene the first Data Protection Principle as defined under Section 86 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 5 of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR). Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance

Email: foi@ukri.org or infogovernance@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,

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