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07 April 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information request: FOI2026/00090**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 5 February in which you requested the following:

**Your request:**

*My request relates to the following contract [award](#)<sup>1</sup>*

*Please provide the following documents:*

- a) *All documents provided to potential bidders on this contract including*
- the proposed contract terms and*
  - the scoring matrix to be used for bidders*

*If the competition was run through a framework or a DPS please provide copies of both the call-off specification and the framework agreement that the competition was run under.*

- b) *The contract terms that were agreed with the winning supplier*

**Our response**

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

- a) *part 1 - All documents provided to potential bidders on this contract including*
- the proposed contract terms and*
  - the scoring matrix to be used for bidders*

Please find attached the following documents and templates that were provided to potential bidders:

- 01. UKRI-3797 Award and Selection Questionnaire
- 02. UKRI-3797 Invitation to Tender Pack –Revised
- 03. UKRI-3797 Appendix A Specification AI Skills Hub -RIWCL1322
- 04. UKRI-3797 Appendix B (i) Price Schedule
- 05. UKRI-3797 Appendix B (ii) Payment schedule
- 06. UKRI 3797 Appendix C Contract (blank template copy)
- 07. UKRI-3797 Appendix D Risk Assessment Matrix
- 08. UKRI-3797 Appendix E Key Personnel

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/001337-2025>

- a) part 2 - If the competition was run through a framework or a DPS please provide copies of both the call-off specification and the framework agreement that the competition was run under.
- b) The contract terms that were agreed with the winning supplier

Please find attached document, "09. UKRI 3797 AI Skills Hub Contract\_redacted", which contains the contract terms that were agreed with the successful supplier. The call-off specification is also included within this document from pages 91 to 100. A link to the framework can be found at the bottom of page 94 of this document and can also be accessed via this [link](#)<sup>2</sup>.

Please note that some information within this document has been redacted or withheld as it is considered exempt under the following exemptions:

- Section 40 - personal information
- Section 43 - commercial interests

Further explanation on the engagement of these exemptions has been provided below.

### **Section 40(2) – personal information**

We are exempting the names and contact details of individuals under section 40(2) of the FOI Act (FOIA). 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 UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test

### **Section 43(2) – commercial interests**

We believe that some of the information in scope of your request falls under the scope of Section 43(2) of the FOIA. This exemption is used where disclosure would likely result in a person's (an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entities) commercial interests being prejudiced.

This is a qualified exemption, and a test was carried out to determine whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs public interest in disclosure.

#### Public interest in favour of disclosure

- There is a general public interest in the disclosure of this information to ensure transparency and openness of a public organisation.
- There is also a public interest in transparency in order to ensure the accountability of public organisations and how they spend public funding.
- It would be in the public interest to view the awarded contract as public monies are used to fund this activity. As this is the case it is important that the programme has a positive impact and is beneficial to all parties involved. Disclosing a copy of the awarded contract would enable the public to independently assess the impact of AI Skills Hub contract.

#### Public interest in favour of withholding the information

- Releasing information provided in confidence to UKRI is likely to damage the possibility of ongoing relationships with other organisations. Relationships may become untenable if third parties cannot be certain that their commercial information will remain confidential when held by UKRI.

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<sup>2</sup> [https://iuk-business-connect.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Final\\_BridgeAI\\_Framework.pdf](https://iuk-business-connect.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Final_BridgeAI_Framework.pdf)

- Breaching the commercial interest may also adversely affect future negotiation opportunities for UKRI. UKRI may be seen as a 'confidentiality' risk if it routinely releases information relating to business arrangements into the public domain, particularly where this is third party information.
- Contracts contain information commercially sensitive to the supplier such as pricing information, strategies, and implementation methods, which if released may harm their ability to compete for future commercial opportunities.
- Contracts contain information that the supplier would not anticipate or reasonable expect UKRI to release into the public domain.

Taking the above arguments into consideration, we reached the decision that the need for commercial confidentiality outweighs the public interest in disclosure; therefore, the information is exempt from disclosure.

## Your rights

If you have any queries regarding our response please do let us know. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review, explaining which elements of this decision you disagree with and why. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of our response and should be addressed to:

Head of Information Governance


Email: [foi@ukri.org](mailto:foi@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: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.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 procedure](#)<sup>3</sup>.

Yours sincerely,

  
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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/contact-us/make-a-complaint/#skipnav-target>