5 February 2016

Reference number: FoI - 274

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I am writing in response to the request you made to BBSRC under the Freedom of Information Act, which was received on Friday 15 January 2016.

Statement of information requested

Lot 4 – Specialist Cloud Services

The details we require are:

• Who is the senior officer(s) (outside of procurement) responsible for Specialist Consultancy Services for technology recruitment spend (Lot 4)
• Who is the senior officer responsible for Specialist Consultancy Services for technology recruitment spend (Lot 4) within Procurement

Background

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) is one of seven Research Councils that work together as Research Councils UK (RCUK). It is funded from the Government’s Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. BBSRC’s budget for 2014/15 was £509M and it supports around 1,600 scientists and 2,000 research students in universities and institutes in the UK. Information about BBSRC’s mission can be found on our website at http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/organisation/mission.aspx.

UK Shared Business Services (UK SBS) provides a range of services, including IT, to BBSRC and other public sector organisations. UK SBS enters contracts on its clients behalf and provides services to them.

Duty to confirm or deny

BBSRC does hold information relating to this request.

Requested Information

The information provided is in Annex1, which accompanies this letter.

If you have any further questions, please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

BBSRC Freedom of Information Officer

Publication: please note that this response to your request may be published on a public website.

Complaints Process

If you are dissatisfied with how we have handled your request, you may register a formal complaint with the BBSRC Complaints Officer at complaints.officer@bbsrc.ac.uk, who will conduct an internal review.
If you are not happy with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner, Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, Tel: 01625 545 745, https://ico.org.uk/.
### Question Detail

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<td>BBSRC does not have a procurement service but procurement support is provided through third party suppliers, UKSBS Ltd and Crown Commercial Services. However, specialist consultancy services within Government (including agencies and partners) is subject to the use of agreed frameworks such as the Contingent Labour framework and through pre-approved service providers on the Government Digital Market Place (GCloud). Only if these avenues do not yield suitable suppliers is a formal tender process followed guided by staff in UKSBS Ltd or Crown Commercial Services.</td>
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