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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 Thursday 11 May 2017.

Statement of information requested

What Finance System do you use for financial management and planning?
What is the monetary value of the annual support/subscription for your current Finance System?
Which vendor implemented your current Finance System?
Do you currently have a partner supporting your Finance System? If the so, who is your current support partner?
What is the monetary value of the annual support fee for your support partner?
When is the contract for the current Finance System expiring?
Are you planning to renew your current Finance System or tender for a new system upon expiry?
Will you be using an external partner to conduct a system requirements review?

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 the information requested.

Requested Information

I shall answer each of the questions in turn.

What Finance System do you use for financial management and planning?
Oracle E-Business Suite.

What is the monetary value of the annual support/subscription for your current Finance System?
The cost per user is £188.64 (this covers a full ERP and reporting system, for HR, Payroll, Finance and Procurement)

Which vendor implemented your current Finance System?
Oracle based solution implemented by an internal transition team
Do you currently have a partner supporting your Finance System? If the so, who is your current support partner?
We have a 3rd party contract with a company called PDG Consulting Ltd

What is the monetary value of the annual support fee for your support partner?
£187,000 + VAT, this is shared within the charges levied by UK SBS to RCUK

When is the contract for the current Finance System expiring?
Support contract expires March 2018, licence agreement expires in May 2018

Are you planning to renew your current Finance System or tender for a new system upon expiry?
The current plan is to keep and invest in the existing solution.

Will you be using an external partner to conduct a system requirements review?
This is being done internally.

The information supplied in this document should not be used for sales calls

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

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