Freedom of Information request: 2018/0215

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 19th November 2018 in which you requested the following:

Your Request:

I would like to know the following information about a contracting company called Visionist.

- How much did UKRI and its constituent parts pay Visionist for digital, IT and related project and programme work as part of the UKRI Transition Programme in the financial year 2017-18?
- How much is UKRI and its constituent parts expected / estimated to pay Visionist for digital, IT and related project and programme work on the UKRI Transition Programme in the financial year 2018-19?
- How did the UKRI Transition Programme first come across Visionist in other words how was Visionist introduced to the UKRI Transition Programme?
- Was any of the work that Visionist has carried out or is currently carrying out awarded directly or was it awarded through a tender process?
- Was UK SBS as the Shared Service Provider for UKRI asked to bid or carry out the work that Visionist was commissioned to do?

Our response:

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation hold information relevant to your request.

Please see the information relevant to your request below.

How much did UKRI and its constituent parts pay Visionist for digital, IT and related project and programme work as part of the UKRI Transition Programme in the financial year 2017-18?

- For FY17/18 it was £359,352.86

How much is UKRI and its constituent parts expected / estimated to pay Visionist for digital, IT and related project and programme work on the UKRI Transition Programme in the financial year 2018-19?
• Potentially up to £900k

How did the UKRI Transition Programme first come across Visionist in other words how was Visionist introduced to the UKRI Transition Programme?

• The supplier was familiar to UKRI given that they are a key supplier to BEIS, however they were selected as a supplier to UKRI via a G-Cloud search

Was any of the work that Visionist has carried out or is currently carrying out awarded directly or was it awarded through a tender process?

• They were awarded the contract as a result of a G-Cloud selection process from a long list of potential suppliers

Was UK SBS as the Shared Service Provider for UKRI asked to bid or carry out the work that Visionist was commissioned to do?

• No however UK SBS were commissioned to deliver other aspects of the delivery for Transition

If you have any queries about this response please contact me, or if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, please write to:

Complaints Officer
UK Research and Innovation
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North Star Avenue
Swindon
SN2 1FL
Email: foi@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the 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:

Information Commissioner
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Water Lane
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SK9 5AF

Enquiry/Information Line: Between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745
Further information about the Office of the Information Commissioner can be found at http://www.ico.gov.uk/

Yours sincerely,