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## **ID 3823034 DAERA LMCNI - Provision of Certification Services to the Northern Ireland Beef and Lamb Farm Quality Assurance Scheme**

DAERA Livestock and Meat Commission for NI

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-030973

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

DAERA Livestock and Meat Commission for NI

Lissue Industrial Estate East, 1A Lissue Walk

LISBURN

BT28 2LU

#### **Contact**

SSDAdmin.CPDfinance-ni.gov.uk

#### **Email**

[SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.lmcni.com>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

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### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Livestock and Meat Commission for Northern Ireland (LMC) is seeking a competent organisation to provide certification services including: registration, inspection and certification to the Northern Ireland Beef and Lamb Farm Quality Assurance Scheme (NIBL FQAS). LMC appoint a third-party Certification Body to independently verify that producers (farmers) are adhering to the required Standards of the scheme. The Certification Body is accredited to the International Standard ISO 17065 by the United Kingdom Accreditation Services (UKAS). Currently NIFCC (Northern Ireland Food Chain Certification) operate the certification system for the NIBL FQAS. NIBL FQAS has been provided with certification services by an ISO 17065 Product Certification Body accredited UKAS since April 2002. The contract with the present certification body expires on 31 March 2022 and LMC wishes to continue to operate a Product Certification Scheme for NIBL FQAS.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £6,400,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79100000 - Legal services

- 79130000 - Legal documentation and certification services
- 79131000 - Documentation services
- 79132000 - Certification services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 Compliance with Specification Schedule in Full / Weighting: 0

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Inspection Methodology / Weighting: 14

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Certification Methodology / Weighting: 14

Quality criterion - Name: AC4 Method of Data Collection and Recording / Weighting: 14

Quality criterion - Name: AC5 Registration Methodology / Weighting: 10.5

Quality criterion - Name: AC6 Supplementary Services / Weighting: 10.5

Quality criterion - Name: AC7 Crisis Management / Weighting: 7

Cost criterion - Name: Total Contract Price / Weighting: 30

## **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £6,400,000

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract is anticipated to be renewed on expiry of the final contract period and prior to April 2027.

## **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

After the initial contract period, there are [2] options to extend for [1] year each.

## **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

SC1 Company Experience

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

The Client will monitor the Contractor's performance against the agreed Key Performance Indicators as detailed in the Commercial Conditions of Contract schedule 3 Contract Management/Monitoring Schedule.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

14 February 2022

Local time

3:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 15 May 2022

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

14 February 2022

Local time

3:30pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 3 months prior to expiry of this contract anticipated to be January 2027.

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Contract Monitoring. The successful Contractor's performance on this Contract will be managed as per the specification and regularly monitored (see Procurement Guidance Note 01/12 - Contract Management - Procedures and Principles). Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Notice of Unsatisfactory

Performance and this Contract may be terminated. A central register of such Notices for supplies and services contracts will be maintained and published on the CPD website. Any Contractor in receipt of a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance will be required to declare this in future tender submissions for a period of three years from the date of issue of the Notice. It may also result in the Contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy..

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures.

As above

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful.. tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.