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## **DAERA - NIEA - Eastern Mournes Wildfire Recovery Project**

DAERA: Northern Ireland Environmental Agency NIEA

F02: Contract notice

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

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

DAERA: Northern Ireland Environmental Agency NIEA

303 Airport Road West

BELFAST

BT3 9ED

#### **Contact**

SSDAdmin.CPDfinance-ni.gov.uk

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **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 electronically via

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

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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

Body governed by public law

## **I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

DAERA - NIEA - Eastern Mournes Wildfire Recovery Project

Reference number

5255294

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

- 77200000 - Forestry services

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

Services

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

Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)/ NI Environmental Agency (NIEA) is seeking to appoint an experienced, competent and suitably qualified wildfire expert or consortium of experts to develop three comprehensive wildfire management plans and other wildfire related projects for various ASSI, and SAC across Northern Ireland including Eastern and Western Mournes, Kilfeaghan Upper, Antrim Hills and Carn / Glen Shane. It is anticipated that this work will commence at contract award and run for an initial period of three years to complete all seven core outcomes, detailed within the Specification, in full estimated to be completed within the initial three years contract period. Please refer to tender documents for full details.

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

Value excluding VAT: £605,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 90711000 - Environmental impact assessment other than for construction
- 90711100 - Risk or hazard assessment other than for construction
- 90711200 - Environmental standards other than for construction
- 90711300 - Environmental indicators analysis other than for construction
- 90711400 - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) services other than for construction
- 90711500 - Environmental monitoring other than for construction
- 90712200 - Forest conservation strategy planning
- 90715000 - Pollution investigation services
- 90715270 - Recycling plant site investigation
- 90721000 - Environmental safety services
- 90721100 - Landscape protection services
- 90721800 - Natural risks or hazards protection services
- 90722000 - Environmental rehabilitation

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)/ NI Environmental Agency (NIEA) is seeking to appoint an experienced, competent and suitably qualified

wildfire expert or consortium of experts to develop three comprehensive wildfire management plans and other wildfire related projects for various ASSI, and SAC across Northern Ireland including Eastern and Western Mournes, Killeaghan Upper, Antrim Hills and Carn / Glen Shane. It is anticipated that this work will commence at contract award and run for an initial period of three years to complete all seven core outcomes, detailed within the Specification, in full estimated to be completed within the initial three years contract period. Please refer to tender documents for full details.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Proposed Team Experience / Weighting: 30.4

Quality criterion - Name: Proposed Methodology / Weighting: 24.8

Quality criterion - Name: Contract Management / Weighting: 14.4

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10.4

Cost criterion - Name: Total Contract Price / Weighting: 20

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

Value excluding VAT: £605,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

## Description of options

It is anticipated that this contract will initially run for three years with one option to extend for 12 months subject to satisfactory performance and at the request of NIEA. This will be measured by progress made against outputs and will be subject to the availability of funding and the continuing assessment of need with the agreement of both parties.

### **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.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

As detailed in the Tender Documents

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

List and brief description of selection criteria

As detailed in the Tender Documents

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

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

As detailed in the Tender Documents

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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

17 February 2025

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: 18 May 2025

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

Date

17 February 2025

Local time

3:30pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic payment will be used

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

The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. 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 Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance will 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 for a Period of twelve months from the date of issue of the certificate..

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

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

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended

Belfast

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.