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## **Research, Development and Evidence (RDE) Framework Renewal**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

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

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

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Research, Development and Evidence (RDE) Framework Renewal

Reference number

P-35620

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

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

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

Services

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

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services
- 79315000 - Social research services
- 73110000 - Research services
- 73111000 - Research laboratory services
- 73112000 - Marine research services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 79300000 - Market and economic research; polling and statistics

- 90711500 - Environmental monitoring other than for construction
- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 79300000 - Market and economic research; polling and statistics

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Defra group Commercial (DgC) is working with the Core Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, (Defra), and its Arm's Length Bodies (examples include APHA, CEFAS, EA, MMO and NE), to put in place a Framework Agreement for Scientific Research & Development for the whole Defra group. We anticipate it will cover the following thematic areas:

Food, Farming, Air Quality & Noise, Socioeconomic and Operational Research, Flood and Water, Marine and Fisheries, Resource and Waste, Animal and Plant Health and International biodiversity. Following the success of our current RDE framework, the purpose of this Agreement will be to continue channelling a large proportion of our current expenditure through this route to market to reduce the high volumes of tenders; it will continue to support our other routes to market for this key area of spend.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

This PIN is to highlight that The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, (Defra), is looking to put in place a Framework Agreement and to enable DEFRA to engage transparently with its supply base it has decided to put in place this notice to notify the market of its future intentions and to allow dialogue with suppliers in the market. The Authority intends to hold a Market Engagement Event via Teams in mid-February and anticipates the Invitation to Tender (ITT) going live week commencing 14 April 2025. If you would have any questions on this PIN or would like to register interest, please contact [Terri-Louise.Munford@defra.gov.uk](mailto:Terri-Louise.Munford@defra.gov.uk)

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

13 January 2025

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes