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## **ID 5489705 - DAERA Marine and Fisheries - Letting of Benthic Infaunal Analysis contract**

DAERA:Marine and Fisheries Division

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-001619

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04d3fa

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

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

DAERA:Marine and Fisheries Division

Rathkeltair House, Market Street

Downpatrick

BT30 6aj

#### **Contact**

ssdadmin.cpdfinance-ni.gov.uk

#### **Email**

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

#### **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>

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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**

ID 5489705 - DAERA Marine and Fisheries - Letting of Benthic Infaunal Analysis contract

Reference number

5489705

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

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

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

Services

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

The Marine Monitoring and Assessment team (MMAT) within the Marine and Fisheries Division of DAERA has responsibility for protection of the marine environment. The analysis of benthic infaunal samples is a statutory requirement under The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 as one of the primary biological quality elements used to classify the ecological quality status of a given waterbody. Additionally benthic infaunal analysis may be required under related statutory instruments and agreements including, amongst others, the Marine Strategy Framework, The Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 and Licensing deposits in the sea under Part 4 of The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. DAERA – MMAT requires a supplier to provide analysis of benthic infaunal samples. Data generated from the analysis of these samples on behalf of the Marine Monitoring and Assessment team will support delivery of the relevant statutory monitoring and classification requirements and is submitted to the UK National database. The contract is for an initial period of 3 years from date of award, (envisaged to be 1 April 2025) to 31 March 2028. There are two (2) options to extend for a period of up to twelve (12) months each. Please refer to Tender Documents for full details.

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

Value excluding VAT: £875,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 77700000 - Services incidental to fishing
- 77800000 - Aquaculture services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: Service Delivery Methodology / Weighting: 25.2

Quality criterion - Name: Team Experience / Weighting: 15.4

Quality criterion - Name: Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) / Weighting: 18.9

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10.5

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

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £875,000

**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 will be subject to renewal approximately April 2030

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

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**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**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

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

As detailed in the tender documents

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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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

18 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: 19 May 2025

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

Date

18 February 2025

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: estimated to be April 2030

### **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**

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.