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Planning

North East Wales National Park Project: Evaluation and Candidate Areas

Natural Resources Wales

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKL - Wales

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Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0110

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/home.html>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

North East Wales National Park Project: Evaluation and Candidate Areas

Reference number

107905

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of consultancy services for the identification of Evaluation and Candidate Areas for an Area of Search for a potential new national park in NE Wales.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £60,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90710000 - Environmental management
- 90700000 - Environmental services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

North East Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is looking to appoint a suitably skilled and experienced consultant to:

Stage 1

i) Detailed evaluation of Natural Beauty and Recreation

- Identify Evaluation Areas as sub-divisions of the Area of Search to provide a more manageable scale for evaluation of the area in question.
- Evaluate each Evaluation Area for natural beauty in accordance with NRW's procedural guidance on assessing land for designation and the natural beauty factors and criteria set out in the guidance.
- Evaluate each Evaluation Area as to whether it affords sufficient opportunities for outdoor recreation according to the criteria set out in the procedural guidance.
- Identify areas that appear likely to be able to meet the natural beauty and outdoor recreation criteria, termed Candidate Areas.

ii) Desirability to designate

- Contribute to judgement as to whether it is especially desirable to designate - for the National Park purposes to apply to the area.

iii) Draft designation boundary

- Define a boundary for the whole area in detail in accordance with explicit boundary-setting considerations.

Stage 2

iv) Public consultation support and report

- Provide technical support to the public consultation on the proposed area for a potential National Park.
- Provide technical consultation report and recommend any changes to the Draft boundary.

Stage 3

v) Public inquiry support

- Provide technical support to any potential public inquiry on a proposed National Park.

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is intending to award a fixed term, three stage contract of approximately three years in total, commencing in April 2024. Stage 1 will be for a period of 4 months from April 2024. Stage 2 for a period of 6 months from September 2024 and Stage 3 for a period of 1 year from April 2026.

Please note that Stage 2 and 3 are not guaranteed and are approximate and subject to timescale changes.

To register your initial interest in this opportunity please email naomi.hammond@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

Please note this PIN is not a call for competition

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

19 February 2024

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Progress to Stages 2 & 3 are not guaranteed and timelines are approximate.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Sell2Wales Web Site at

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=138168.

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