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Planning

Marine Environmental Monitoring and Assessment National Database (MERMAN)' - Data Manager

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

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

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Marine Environmental Monitoring and Assessment National Database (MERMAN)' - Data Manager

Reference number

C15624

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Please note that in addition to the below, we have a separate RFI document available to suppliers. This can be requested by contacting the following email address: DgC.E-Commercial.systems@defra.gov.uk. Please also note that the deadline for responses to the RFI is 28 February 2023, 12:00 GMT, and we therefore advise interested suppliers to make contact as soon as possible in order to access this. The Contracting Authority is seeking a supplier to provide expertise in marine data management and support services for the MERMAN database. The service will ensure delivery of quality-assured marine environmental data to relevant parties to provide an evidence-base underpinning policy decisions within the UK and Europe.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £180,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72322000 - Data management services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This shall include undertaking minor enhancements to the MERMAN database (for example, adjusting data validation rules, updating reference data and spreadsheet templates, and updating the station dictionary), as necessary, (estimate 10 instances, per annum), coordination of data submissions and transfer of quality-controlled data in a timely manner to International Council for the Exploration of the Seas (ICES) and European Marine Observation and Data Network (EMODnet) and supporting data requests by other third parties. These requirements, defined by Defra and members of the Clean Safe Seas Evidence Group (CSSEG), have been successfully delivered between 2006-2022 and there must be a seamless transition from the old system to the new. The above is neither an exhaustive nor a final set of requirements. It is subject to development prior to any potential subsequent contract opportunity notice utilising the outputs from the RFI responses. Please note that in addition, we have a separate RFI document available to suppliers. This can be requested by contacting the following email address: DgC.E-Commercial.systems@defra.gov.uk.

II.2.14) Additional information

The MERMAN database is currently being redesigned to allow the system to incorporate new data types, respond effectively to changes in ICES submission requirements, act interoperable with other marine data systems, and streamline data validation processes.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

3 April 2023

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

This notice is for information only. The Contracting Authority may or may not subsequently publish a formal contract opportunity notice in the future. The value above is an estimate only based on a potential initial contract term of 2 years with a further 2 years as an extension. We would like to remind suppliers that we are still devising our procurement strategy, and at present many aspects are still to be confirmed. This includes our route to market. Therefore, a response to this RFI does not guarantee you a place in any future competition, for example, if a framework route to market is selected and your organisation is not available via this framework. Potential providers are advised that should the Contracting Authority subsequently publish a formal contract notice, the procurement will be managed (including the submission of tender responses) via the Contracting Authority's e-procurement portal. To register an account, please visit: <https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. Should the Contracting Authority subsequently move to a formal procurement exercise it will be advertised on Find a Tender and/or other required publishing platforms.