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## **Geospatial analytics and remote monitoring service (GAS)**

RURAL PAYMENTS AGENCY (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

F02: Contract notice

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

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

RURAL PAYMENTS AGENCY (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

Seacole Building, 2 Marsham Street

London

SW1P 4DF

#### **Contact**

Neil Widdop

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **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.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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**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

Geospatial analytics and remote monitoring service (GAS)

Reference number

itt\_80667

#### 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

The Rural Payments Agency (RPA) is an executive agency sponsored by Defra. As the only accredited paying agency in England, the RPA makes payments to farmers, traders and land owners. The RPA also make payments on behalf of Natural England, and manages over 40 schemes to help ensure England has a healthy rural economy and strong rural communities.

Satellite data is business critical for RPA to provide risk assurance in the delivery of the Farming and Countryside Programme (FCP) schemes which use the RPA's Rural Land Register (RLR). The current compliance monitoring processes for FCP schemes are manual, resource-intensive, inefficient and have high fraud and error rates. They rely on field visits, paperwork, and subjective assessments, leading to delayed evaluations, increased administrative burdens, and only capture a small percentage of the entire population.

To overcome these challenges, RPA requires an advanced technological solution capable of streamlining national monitoring processes.

The purpose of this notice is for the RPA to make known that a Further Competition is being conducted under the CCS Space-Enabled and Geospatial Services Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) (reference RM6235) for a geospatial analytics and remote monitoring service. Suppliers can access this by visiting <https://crowncommercialservice.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html> and locating ITT reference itt\_80667. Alternatively, interested suppliers can visit

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/7ca5cbc7-696a-4398-a7c3-cc26e92f3a60>.

Interested suppliers who are not on the DPS who may wish to participate should visit <https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/agreements/RM6235> for further details.

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

Value excluding VAT: £17,750,000

### **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
- 72322000 - Data management services
- 48517000 - IT software package
- 38221000 - Geographic information systems (GIS or equivalent)

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The capabilities required for this contract are summarised below:

(a) to implement a minimum viable product (MVP) within twelve months of the contract start date;

(b) to provide the following core functionality for users:

- to use imagery sources to identify farm habitats;
- to monitor land use and cover changes with respect to farming activities;
- to extract markers from imagery sources;
- to ingest imagery sources and other data from other RPA and Defra Group systems;
- to publish outputs to other RPA and Defra Group systems;
- to monitor compliance with scheme agreements for a land parcel; and
- for users to utilise the Supplier's solution in the field and add their own imagery sources and ground truth data for a land parcel.

(c) to provide product delivery, user-centred services, IT service management, and hosting;

(d) to provide the capability to introduce future services, such as integrating additional imagery sources, provisioning additional imagery sources, developing new data products derived from imagery sources, developing new markers, and integrating the Supplier's solution with other RPA and Defra Group systems; and

(e) to provide the option for other Defra Group Bodies

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations#department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>) and other UK "Paying Agencies" to utilise the contract.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

Value excluding VAT: £17,750,000

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

Duration in months

120

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

The contract term will consist of a 5 year initial term, with the option to extend for a further 5 years in 5+2+2+1 increments.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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

The contract value is expected to be up to £17,750,000 (net of VAT) during the overall maximum 10-year term (5+2+2+1), which includes the cost of implementation, ongoing operational service charges, contract extensions, contract changes and an allowance for indexing of prices. The contract value is an estimate only and will be dependent upon whether an extension (in part or in whole) is enacted, whether any optional services (in part or in whole) are enacted, the extent of any contract changes, and the indices used to index prices.

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

##### **III.2.3) 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

## **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

11 March 2025

Local time

10:00am

#### **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**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

11 March 2025

Local time

10:00am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

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

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

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

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

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Internet address

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

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

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

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