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## **DAERA - AFBI - Deep Carbon Stock Assessment - Soil Nutrient Health Scheme**

Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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#### **Contact**

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#### **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.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 to the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

DAERA - AFBI - Deep Carbon Stock Assessment - Soil Nutrient Health Scheme

Reference number

ID 5734985

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

- 90000000 - Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services

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

Services

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

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

Value excluding VAT: £140,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 16100000 - Agricultural and forestry machinery for soil preparation or cultivation
- 90000000 - Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services
- 38400000 - Instruments for checking physical characteristics

- 38430000 - Detection and analysis apparatus
- 38432000 - Analysis apparatus

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

UKN

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative Criteria / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Quantitative Criteria / Weighting: 40

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

Value excluding VAT: £140,000

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

Duration in months

4

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The contract duration is 4 months, with option to extend for 2 further months.

4 months is required to sample 250 fields. Optional 2 months extension is to cover any

issues (such as weather extremes, permission from farmers etc) arising with access to the field.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract duration is 4 months, with option to extend for 2 more months. 4 months is required to sample 250 fields. Optional 2 months extension is to cover any issues (such as weather extremes, permission from farmers etc) arising with access to the field.

### **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 figure indicated in Section II 1.5 represents an estimated contract value. This value reflects the. potential scale of the contract. This figure does not however take into account the application of indexation or increases to charges due. to. increases in the Real Living Wage. Neither CPD nor the Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this. contract. The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Economic Operators remain responsible. for all costs and expenses incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from the Economic Operator in connection. with taking part in this procurement process regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any. amendments made to the procurement documents by the Contracting Authority at any time. No legally binding contract shall arise (and. an Economic Operator shall have no legitimate expectation that a contract will be entered into) until such time as entry into the Contract. has been confirmed by the Contracting Authority. Economic Operators should note that all dates, time periods and figures in relation. to values and volumes. specified in this notice and the procurement documents are approximate only and the Contracting Authority. reserves the right to change any or all of them.

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

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

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

List and brief description of selection criteria

as per tender documents

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

List and brief description of selection criteria

as per tender documents

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

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

The appointment to the contract will be subject to the preferred supplier demonstrating that the minimum requirements specified in the selection questionnaire continue to be met and that there being no material adverse change to the standing of the supplier. The appointment will also be subject to all other necessary due diligence being carried out by the Authority. Contract performance will be subject to the conditions specified in the contract and the successful Supplier's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored.

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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

5 March 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: 3 June 2025

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

Date

5 March 2025

Local time

3:30pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored in line with the tender documentation. 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 Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated.. The issue of a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance can 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 three years from the date of issue.

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

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

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial 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 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.