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Planning

tNCEA Access Permissions 23/24

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Prior Information Notice (PIN):

The intent of this notice is to notify industry of a potential upcoming open competition for 'tNCEA Access Permissions'. The competition is due to commence in March 2023 and has an indicative contract start date of June 2023.

These dates are subject to change and are indicative timescales only.

Please note that this notice is not a call for competition. The Authority shall release a further notice when funding has been approved and the competition is approved to be released.

Further details of the requirement can be seen in the 'Description of Procurement' section of this notice.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

An element of the NCEA programme is the England Ecosystem Survey (EES) which is a new method of collecting environmental data. The aim of the EES is to get a true understanding of the condition of England's terrestrial environment, and to do this we need to identify landowners and land users, and secure land access permission to carry out surveys on their land. The surveys, which will be conducted under a separate contracting method to this contract, will collect data relating to habitats, vegetation, peat and landscape as well as soil and water biota eDNA and support Natural England's earth observation programme.

The requirement is split in to two parts:

Part 1 – 2024 Access Permission Contact and Request Process

- Contact and responses for 2024 (940 monads with up to 6 1ha squares within each).
- Gaining access permission for England Ecosystem Survey 2024.
- Expected to be completed by October 2023

Part 2 – 2023 Response and Acknowledgement Process

- Responding to survey participants from 2023
- Will commence October 2023 and will focus on contacting landowners who gave permission for survey in 2023 and thanking them for their participation.

II.2.14) Additional information

The NCEA programme is a partnership across Defra and its ALBs, in addition to building cross-government, private sector and non-profit collaborations. More detail of the programme can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/natural-capital-and-ecosystem-assessment-programme/natural-capital-and-ecosystem-assessment-programme#working-with-us>

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

6 March 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: No