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## **The Supply of Meteorological Balloons and Parachutes**

Met Office

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0437ac

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

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

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**Region code**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Register>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Meteorological Office

## **Section II: Object**

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

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

The Supply of Meteorological Balloons and Parachutes

Reference number

DN709839

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

- 38120000 - Meteorological instruments

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

Supplies

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

The Met Office wishes to tender for its meteorological balloons and parachutes requirements and is looking for a supplier who could provide products to satisfy one or more of the product lots.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Meteorological Balloons and Parachutes

Lot No

1

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

- 38100000 - Navigational and meteorological instruments

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

NUTS codes

- UKK4 - Devon

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

Meteorological weather balloons and parachutes suitable for use with helium and hydrogen lifting gases, and Vaisala RS41-SG radiosondes, including the use of additional heavier ozone sensing payloads at one site.

The procurement opportunity is advertised on the government Contracts Finder site and

ProContract portal. Suppliers who are interested in participating in this tender exercise must

register their company free of charge on the ProContract eTendering portal by following this

link: <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register> and search for project reference DN709839 for more information.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Compliance to technical specification requirements / Weighting: 55

Quality criterion - Name: Environmental impact & compliance / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Social value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Value for money on overall costs / Weighting: 30

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for up to a further 5 x 12 months

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot No

2

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

- 38120000 - Meteorological instruments

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

NUTS codes

- UKK4 - Devon

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

Meteorological weather balloons suitable for use with helium and hydrogen lifting gases, Vaisala RS41-SG radiosondes and the Vaisala AS41 Autosonde. This includes the following requirements to ensure compatibility with the AS41 system.

- a. Inclusion of a parachute inside the balloon, suitable for use with a 150g payload, attaining a minimum altitude of 30 hPa
- b. Maximum inflated diameter and height of 1.8 m
- c. Balloon neck diameter of 3 cm

d. Balloon neck length of 12 cm

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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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

20 March 2024

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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

Date

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Local time

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

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