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Planning

Dead Wild Bird and Mammal Surveillance and Collection Services for Avian Influenza (AI)

Defra Network eTendering Portal

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

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

Dead Wild Bird and Mammal Surveillance and Collection Services for Avian Influenza (AI)

Reference number

P-32185

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77500000 - Animal husbandry services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) requires the collection / sampling of dead wild birds and small mammals that are deemed to be of surveillance value, and delivery of the wild bird carcasses to designated sites for testing across mainland Great Britain (GB)

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,300,000

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

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) requires the collection / sampling of dead wild birds that are deemed to be of surveillance value, and delivery of the wild bird

carcasses to designated APHA Veterinary Investigation Centre (VIC) or Scotland Rural College Disease Surveillance Centre (SRUCDSC) sites for testing.

APHA also requires the provision of unique wild bird carcass/sample identification numbers which will be held on a Central Spreadsheet.

Collection of specified small mammalian carcasses will also be required, particularly if mortalities are linked epidemiologically to an AI outbreak in wild birds.

The Contractor will be required to have a network of personnel to act as Collectors across mainland Great Britain (GB) to ensure maximum efficiency in the Contractor's timely ability to collect carcasses upon request from the Authority. As a minimum this shall mean that the Contractor can collect and deliver any carcass across mainland GB within forty-eight (48) hours of the Authority's request (i.e., for a Collector to travel from their point of origin to the location of the carcass(es) and then either to an APHAVIC or SRUCDSC, and/or a return journey).

While this Contract primarily covers collections from mainland GB, Services from GB islands (excluding Crown Dependencies) may be requested. If this situation occurs the Contractor would be expected to provide a quotation and estimated timescale for the collection. The APHA Veterinary Lead in Avian Virology would then advise if the collection should go ahead.

Note that the value shown on this notice is very approximate and covers the full potential 5-year contract period (01/09/2024 to 31/08/2027 with up to 24 months extension allowable).

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

26 March 2024

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

Please contact Melanie Swain (melanie.swain@defra.gov.uk) by 23/02/2024 if you would like the slide pack relating to this requirement sent to you. (This will be issued on / before 14/02/2024.)

On review of the slide pack, if you have further initial queries please submit them in writing to the contact above by 27/02/2024.

If appropriate, there may be the opportunity to discuss your queries further with APHA (on 05/03/2024). Any further information provided by APHA in these sessions will be shared with all potential bidders.