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Opportunity

Defra Research Development and Evidence Framework 1

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://defra.bravosolution.co.uk>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

<https://defra.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://defra.bravosolution.co.uk>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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

Defra Research Development and Evidence Framework 1

Reference number

project_30120

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Defra wishes to let a Framework agreement for the provision of Research, Development & Evidence Services.

Research and Experimental Development (R&D) comprises creative work undertaken on a systematic basis in order to increase the stock of knowledge, including knowledge of man, culture and society, and the use of this stock of knowledge to devise new applications.

Evidence covers a range of sciences including economics, social research, operational research, statistics, natural science, engineering and geography.

The framework will be divided into 4 lots, which are additionally divided into sub lots:

Lot 1 Food

sub lot 1.1 – Supporting a resilient and secure food system

sub lot 1.2 – Enabling a productive and competitive agri-food chain

sub lot 1.3 – Safety and Confidence in food

sub lot 1.4 – Supporting a sustainable and healthy agri-food chain

lot 2 Farming

sub lot 2.1 – Crop performance and protection services

sub lot 2.2 – Livestock performance services

sub lot 2.3 – Agronomy, nutrient management and sustainable system services

sub lot 2.4 – Modelling toolkits, informatics and comparative life cycle assessment services

sub lot 2.5 – Farming statistics

Lot 3 Air Quality

sub lot 3.1 – Air quality analysis and expert services

sub lot 3.2 – Air quality monitoring and data

sub lot 3.3 – Modelling tools for air quality studies

sub lot 3.4 – Air quality economics and socio-economic

sub lot 3.5 – Noise research and analysis

Lot 4 Socio-Economic

sub lot 4.1 – Socio-economic

This procurement will follow the restricted procedure. This notice is for the Supplier Selection Criteria stage, following which the procurement team will shortlist suppliers to be invited to submit a tender proposal.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £80,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 15

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

RD&E Framework Lot 1 Food Science Sub Lot 1.1 Supporting a Resilient And Secure Food System;

Lot No

1.1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Work under lot 1 covers services relating to Defra's Food Science and Evidence Programme, which provides multi-disciplinary scientific research, evidence and analysis to inform policy development & implementation. Through this work, Defra seeks to develop a world-leading resilient Agri-food system, enabling the sector to grow and be more productive, sustainably.

For Sub lot specific details and core services please register on the Bravo E-tendering portal and navigate to project_30120

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

tbc

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Maximum number: 6

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.2.14) Additional information

The Authority seeks to identify high quality contractors to participate in a tendering exercise for the provision of a new framework agreement for Research, Development and Evidence, (RD&E Framework). The RD&E Framework will support core Defra and its Arms-Length Bodies NDPB's and Executive Agencies

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

RD&E Framework Lot 1 Food Science Sub Lot 1.2 - Enabling a Productive and Competitive Agri-food chain

Lot No

1.2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Work under lot 1 covers services relating to Defra's Food Science and Evidence Programme, which provides multi-disciplinary scientific research, evidence and analysis to inform policy development & implementation. Through this work, Defra seeks to develop a world-leading resilient Agri-food system, enabling the sector to grow and be more productive, sustainably.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

tbc

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Maximum number: 6

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.2.14) Additional information

The Authority seeks to identify high quality contractors to participate in a tendering exercise for the provision of a new framework agreement for Research, Development and Evidence, (RD&E Framework). The RD&E Framework will support core Defra and its Arms-Length Bodies NDPB's and Executive Agencies

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

RD&E Framework lot 1 Food Science Sub lot 1.3 Safety and Confidence In Food

Lot No

1.3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Work under lot 1 covers services relating to Defra's Food Science and Evidence Programme,

which provides multi-disciplinary scientific research, evidence and analysis to inform policy development & implementation. Through this work, Defra seeks to develop a world-leading resilient Agri-food system, enabling the sector to grow and be more productive, sustainably.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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Duration in months

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This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

tbc

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Maximum number: 6

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.2.14) Additional information

The Authority seeks to identify high quality contractors to participate in a tendering exercise for the provision of a new framework agreement for Research, Development and Evidence, (RD&E Framework). The RD&E Framework will support core Defra and its Arms-Length Bodies NDPB's and Executive Agencies

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

RD&D Framework Lot 1 Food Science Sub lot 1.4 Supporting a sustainable and Healthy Agri-food chain

Lot No

1.4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Work under lot 1 covers services relating to Defra's Food Science and Evidence Programme, which provides multi-disciplinary scientific research, evidence and analysis to inform policy development & implementation. Through this work, Defra seeks to develop a world-leading resilient Agri-food system, enabling the sector to grow and be more productive, sustainably

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Duration in months

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This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

tbc

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Maximum number: 6

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.2.14) Additional information

The Authority seeks to identify high quality contractors to participate in a tendering exercise for the provision of a new framework agreement for Research, Development and Evidence, (RD&E Framework). The RD&E Framework will support core Defra and its Arms-Length Bodies NDPB's and Executive Agencies

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

RD&E Framework Lot 2 Farming R&D, Evidence and Analysis Sub-lot 2.1 Crop Performance and Protection Services

Lot No

2.1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Work under lot 2 covers services relating to Defra's Farming R&D, evidence and analysis programme. This informs and guides policy by ensuring knowledge gaps are addressed with robust, up to date and unbiased evidence. The programme engages with farmers, industries, sector bodies, environmental organisations and civil society. It looks to address current and near-term issues, and also to the future, to understand future risks and vulnerabilities to enable long term resilience building, adaptation and transformation of the farming sector, in readiness for the opportunities and risks posed by global drivers of change

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

tbc

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Maximum number: 6

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.2.14) Additional information

The Authority seeks to identify high quality contractors to participate in a tendering exercise for the provision of a new framework agreement for Research, Development and Evidence, (RD&E Framework). The RD&E Framework will support core Defra and its Arms-Length Bodies NDPB's and Executive Agencies

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

RD&E Framework Lot 2 Farming R&D, Evidence and Analysis Sub-lot 2.2 Livestock Performance Services

Lot No

2.2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Work under lot 2 covers services relating to Defra's Farming R&D, evidence and analysis programme. This informs and guides policy by ensuring knowledge gaps are addressed with robust, up to date and unbiased evidence. The programme engages with farmers, industries, sector bodies, environmental organisations and civil society. It looks to address current and near-term issues, and also to the future, to understand future risks and vulnerabilities to enable long term resilience building, adaptation and transformation of the farming sector, in readiness for the opportunities and risks posed by global drivers of change

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

tbc

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Maximum number: 6

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.2.14) Additional information

The Authority seeks to identify high quality contractors to participate in a tendering exercise for the provision of a new framework agreement for Research, Development and Evidence, (RD&E Framework). The RD&E Framework will support core Defra and its Arms-Length Bodies NDPB's and Executive Agencies

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

RD&E Framework Lot 2 Farming R&D, Evidence and Analysis Sub-lot 2.3 Agronomy, Nutrient Management and Sustainable System Services;

Lot No

2.3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Work under lot 2 covers services relating to Defra's Farming R&D, evidence and analysis programme. This informs and guides policy by ensuring knowledge gaps are addressed with robust, up to date and unbiased evidence. The programme engages with farmers, industries, sector bodies, environmental organisations and civil society. It looks to address current and near-term issues, and also to the future, to understand future risks and vulnerabilities to enable long term resilience building, adaptation and transformation of the farming sector, in readiness for the opportunities and risks posed by global drivers of change

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

tbc

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Maximum number: 6

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.2.14) Additional information

The Authority seeks to identify high quality contractors to participate in a tendering exercise for the provision of a new framework agreement for Research, Development and Evidence, (RD&E Framework). The RD&E Framework will support core Defra and its Arms-Length Bodies NDPB's and Executive Agencies

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

RD&E Framework Lot 2 Farming R&D, Evidence and Analysis Sub-lot 2.4 Modelling Toolkits Informatics and Comparative Life Cycle Assessment Services

Lot No

2.4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Work under lot 2 covers services relating to Defra's Farming R&D, evidence and analysis programme. This informs and guides policy by ensuring knowledge gaps are addressed with robust, up to date and unbiased evidence. The programme engages with farmers, industries, sector bodies, environmental organisations and civil society. It looks to address current and near-term issues, and also to the future, to understand future risks and vulnerabilities to enable long term resilience building, adaptation and transformation of the farming sector, in readiness for the opportunities and risks posed by global drivers of change.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

tbc

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Maximum number: 6

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.2.14) Additional information

The Authority seeks to identify high quality contractors to participate in a tendering exercise

for the provision of a new framework agreement for Research, Development and Evidence, (RD&E Framework). The RD&E Framework will support core Defra and its Arms-Length Bodies NDPB's and Executive Agencies

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

RD&E Framework Lot 2 Farming R&D, Evidence and Analysis Sub-lot 2.5 Farming Statistics

Lot No

2.5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

system

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

tbc

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Maximum number: 6

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.2.14) Additional information

The Authority seeks to identify high quality contractors to participate in a tendering exercise for the provision of a new framework agreement for Research, Development and Evidence, (RD&E Framework). The RD&E Framework will support core Defra and its Arms-Length Bodies NDPB's and Executive Agencies

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

RD&E Framework Lot 3 Air Quality and Noise R&D, Evidence and Analysis Sub-lot 3.1 AQ

analysis and expert services

Lot No

3.1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Work under lot 3 covers services relating to Defra's Air Quality and Noise Evidence Programme, which provides multi-disciplinary scientific research, evidence and analysis to inform policy development & implementation. Defra seeks to develop a world-leading AQ and noise evidence base and would like to invite potential suppliers to set out their proposals to deliver a range of analysis tools and expert advice to support the Authority to evaluate Air Quality and Noise evidence/plans and to deliver critical assurance and enhancements to their evidence base which underpin policy interventions.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

tbc

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Maximum number: 6

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.2.14) Additional information

The Authority seeks to identify high quality contractors to participate in a tendering exercise for the provision of a new framework agreement for Research, Development and Evidence, (RD&E Framework). The RD&E Framework will support core Defra and its Arms-Length Bodies NDPB's and Executive Agencies

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

RD&E Framework Lot 3 Air Quality and Noise R&D, Evidence and Analysis Sub-lot 3.2 AQ Monitoring and data

Lot No

3.2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Work under lot 3 covers services relating to Defra's Air Quality and Noise Evidence Programme, which provides multi-disciplinary scientific research, evidence and analysis to inform policy development & implementation. Defra seeks to develop a world-leading AQ and noise evidence base and would like to invite potential suppliers to set out their proposals to deliver a range of analysis tools and expert advice to support the Authority to evaluate Air Quality and Noise evidence/plans and to deliver critical assurance and enhancements to their evidence base which underpin policy interventions.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

tbc

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Maximum number: 6

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.2.14) Additional information

The Authority seeks to identify high quality contractors to participate in a tendering exercise for the provision of a new framework agreement for Research, Development and Evidence, (RD&E Framework). The RD&E Framework will support core Defra and its Arms-Length Bodies NDPB's and Executive Agencies

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

RD&E Framework Lot 3 Air Quality and Noise R&D, Evidence and Analysis Sub-lot 3.3 Modelling tools for AQ studies;

Lot No

3.3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Work under lot 3 covers services relating to Defra's Air Quality and Noise Evidence Programme, which provides multi-disciplinary scientific research, evidence and analysis to inform policy development & implementation. Defra seeks to develop a world-leading AQ and noise evidence base and would like to invite potential suppliers to set out their proposals to deliver a range of analysis tools and expert advice to support the Authority to evaluate Air Quality and Noise evidence/plans and to deliver critical assurance and enhancements to their evidence base which underpin policy interventions.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Duration in months

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This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

tbc

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Maximum number: 6

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

RD&E Framework Lot 3 Air Quality and Noise R&D, Evidence and Analysis Sub-lot 3.4 AQ Economics and social research

Lot No

3.4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Work under lot 3 covers services relating to Defra's Air Quality and Noise Evidence Programme, which provides multi-disciplinary scientific research, evidence and analysis to inform policy development & implementation. Defra seeks to develop a world-leading AQ and noise evidence base and would like to invite potential suppliers to set out their proposals to deliver a range of analysis tools and expert advice to support the Authority to evaluate Air Quality and Noise evidence/plans and to deliver critical assurance and enhancements to their evidence base which underpin policy interventions.

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

tbc

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Maximum number: 6

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.2.14) Additional information

The Authority seeks to identify high quality contractors to participate in a tendering exercise for the provision of a new framework agreement for Research, Development and Evidence, (RD&E Framework). The RD&E Framework will support core Defra and its Arms-Length Bodies NDPB's and Executive Agencies

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

RD&E Framework Lot 3 Air Quality and Noise R&D, Evidence and Analysis Sub-lot 3.5 Noise research and analysis

Lot No

3.5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Maximum number: 6

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.2.14) Additional information

The Authority seeks to identify high quality contractors to participate in a tendering exercise for the provision of a new framework agreement for Research, Development and Evidence, (RD&E Framework). The RD&E Framework will support core Defra and its Arms-Length Bodies NDPB's and Executive Agencies

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

RD&E Framework Lot 4 Social, Economic and Operational Research

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services
- 79315000 - Social research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The role of social, economic and operational research in government is to support decision-makers to make better judgments so that policy and operations deliver value for money and improve the lives of the people of the UK. To inform new and on-going policy and operations development, Defra may require to commission bespoke projects to deliver research, analysis and advice to a consistent, professional standard.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

tbc

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Maximum number: 6

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

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

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 90

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2020/S 138-340784](#)

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

Date

12 April 2021

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

12 May 2021

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)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 3 years

VI.3) Additional information

Thank you for your interest in tendering for this requirement, You will need to access the documents through Bravo Solutions portal.

1) The web address is <https://defra.bravosolution.co.uk> and click the link to register — Accept the terms and conditions and click 'continue' — Enter your correct business and user details — Note the username you chose and click 'Save' when complete — You will shortly receive an email with your unique password (please keep this secure).

2. Express an Interest in the tender — Login to the portal with the username/password — Click the 'PQQs / ITTs Open To All Suppliers' link. (These are Pre-Qualification Questionnaires or Invitations to Tender open to any registered supplier) — Click on the relevant PQQ/ ITT to access the content. — Click the 'Express Interest' button at the top of the page. — This will move the PQQ /ITT into your 'My PQQs/ My ITTs' page. (This is a secure area reserved for your projects only) -You can now access any attachments by clicking 'Buyer Attachments' in the 'PQQ/ ITT Details' box 3. Responding to the tender — Click 'My Response' under 'PQQ/ ITT Details', you can choose to 'Create Response' or to 'Decline to Respond' (please give a reason if declining) — You can now use the 'Messages' function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification — Note the deadline for completion, then follow the onscreen instructions to complete the PQQ/ ITT — There may be a mixture of online and offline actions for you to perform (there is detailed online help available) You must then submit your reply using the 'Submit Response' button at the top of the page. Please give yourself enough time to complete this before the deadline. If you require any further assistance please consult the online help, or contact the e-Tendering help desk.

Please direct all questions and queries through the message function of the portal, including any clarification questions. This is to ensure no questions are missed and that all answers can be shared with all interested suppliers at the same time

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Courts of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom