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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

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

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

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P-37586

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

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II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71300000 - Engineering services
- 45220000 - Engineering works and construction works
- 90922000 - Pest-control services
- 45247270 - Reservoir construction works
- 50514200 - Repair and maintenance services of reservoirs
- 71333000 - Mechanical engineering services

- 45243600 - Quay wall construction work
- 71313450 - Environmental monitoring for construction
- 71354100 - Digital mapping services
- 45243500 - Sea defences construction work
- 45246000 - River regulation and flood control works
- 45246410 - Flood-defences maintenance works
- 34221100 - Mobile incident units
- 45244000 - Marine construction works
- 71313000 - Environmental engineering consultancy services
- 45246100 - River-wall construction
- 45100000 - Site preparation work
- 63721300 - Waterway operation services
- 71310000 - Consultative engineering and construction services
- 77314100 - Grassing services
- 34221200 - Mobile emergency units
- 71631400 - Technical inspection services of engineering structures
- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 71335000 - Engineering studies
- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work
- 45351000 - Mechanical engineering installation works
- 45220000 - Engineering works and construction works
- 71540000 - Construction management services
- 77312000 - Weed-clearance services
- 45241200 - Offshore terminal in situ construction work
- 45243300 - Sea wall construction work
- 71356000 - Technical services

- 71320000 - Engineering design services
- 71510000 - Site-investigation services
- 71520000 - Construction supervision services
- 71521000 - Construction-site supervision services
- 71530000 - Construction consultancy services
- 45243000 - Coastal-defence works
- 71500000 - Construction-related services
- 71334000 - Mechanical and electrical engineering services
- 45247220 - Weir construction work
- 77211500 - Tree-maintenance services
- 63721000 - Port and waterway operation services and associated services
- 45221100 - Construction work for bridges
- 71541000 - Construction project management services
- 45243510 - Embankment works
- 77211300 - Tree-clearing services
- 76600000 - Pipeline-inspection services
- 45112700 - Landscaping work
- 65320000 - Operation of electrical installations
- 45221220 - Culverts
- 45315100 - Electrical engineering installation works
- 50511000 - Repair and maintenance services of pumps
- 42122000 - Pumps
- 45248100 - Canal locks construction work
- 31682210 - Instrumentation and control equipment
- 92533000 - Nature reserve services
- 77310000 - Planting and maintenance services of green areas

- 77314000 - Grounds maintenance services
- 45262640 - Environmental improvement works
- 77315000 - Seeding services
- 45246200 - Riverbank protection works
- 45112710 - Landscaping work for green areas
- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 92534000 - Wildlife preservation services
- 72242000 - Design-modelling services
- 71421000 - Landscape gardening services
- 71318000 - Advisory and consultative engineering services
- 70332100 - Land management services
- 45342000 - Erection of fencing
- 77211400 - Tree-cutting services
- 72322000 - Data management services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) relates to the Defra Group Commercial Infrastructure Category, and in particular the frameworks listed below in Further Information. The intention is to share some updates regarding the application of the new Procurement Act in this area. Other such notices may be published by other category teams within Defra, and if your business operates across multiple categories you should review all relevant notices for updates.

The Procurement Act 2023 is new legislation that will change the way the public sector buys goods and services. It aims to:

- create a simpler and more flexible commercial system
- open up public procurement to new entrants
- take tougher action on underperforming suppliers
- embed transparency throughout the commercial lifecycle

The changes are expected to start on 24 February 2025.

The existing legislation will apply until 24 February 2025. After 24 February 2025, it will only apply to procurements and contracts that started before this date, i.e. if the Invitation to Tender (ITT) was published, a voluntary transparency notice was published, or a pricing request was issued.

The new features for suppliers include:

- a central digital platform
- a simplified bidding process
- more flexible commercial frameworks
- a new duty on contracting authorities to consider barriers facing SMEs and VCSEs
- a stronger exclusions framework

What will stay the same

If you are an existing or potential supplier to Defra and have live contracts, are a member of an existing framework, or are planning to bid for a procurement that has or will start prior to the new regime commencing, that arrangement will continue to be subject to the existing Public Contracting Regulations until the contract ends. The same principle applies to any contracts that are subject to any other associated procurement regulations, such as The Utilities Contracts Regulations.

What you need to do

If you are a supplier, you should:

- read the government guidance:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/transforming-public-procurement>
- sign up for regular TPP updates:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMgwpZ1kwubGUpKMLwu0ZpHS8zdWmXKgaHUJKRI-SwqQT95w/viewform>
- read the government TPP Knowledge Drops:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-official-transforming-public-procurement-knowledge-drops>

We recommend that you familiarise yourself with the new Central Digital Platform using these guidance videos:

- An overview of the central digital platform, an enhanced Find a Tender service:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSfxoZoV3yl>
- How to register an organisation and the first administrator in 3 easy steps
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InjCa4swtjA>
- Detailed walkthrough: How an administrator completes and updates supplier info
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4ZdbMGRqeQ>

- The central digital platform, an enhanced Find a Tender service:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSfxoZoV3yI>

If you have a question about the new procurement act, contact the Transforming Public Procurement helpdesk at: procurement.reform@cabinetoffice.gov.uk.

Further information

Existing Frameworks and their associated call-off contracts unaffected by the new regulations are, but not limited to :

Collaborative Delivery Framework (CDF)
Property Flood Resilience Framework 2024 (PFR2)
MEICA Maintenance and EICR Frameworks
Asset Operation, Maintenance and Response Framework (AOMR)
Mapping and Modelling Framework 2024 (2024 MMF)

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

21 February 2025

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