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Tender

Thames Freeport Food and Drink Sustainable Packaging Centre Programme

Thames Freeport Limited

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-London:-Design-and-execution-of-research-and-development./88MBZ9J2U5>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Grant funding through local authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Design and Execution of Research and Development

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Thames Freeport Food and Drink Sustainable Packaging Centre Programme

Reference number

TFP-EOI-05-Food and Drink Sustainable Packaging Hub

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Thames Freeport seeks a supplier or consortia to design and develop the Food & Drink Sustainable Packaging Innovation Hub, forming part of a broader network linked to a planned AI Campus driving regional transformation.

The selected partner will:

Develop a comprehensive plan for the Innovation Hub.

Deliver a Challenge Definition Phase to map the ecosystem and engage stakeholders.

Identify key challenges, opportunities, and themes.

Produce a full investment case for the Hub.

As a private sector-led economic zone, Thames Freeport spans Barking & Dagenham, Havering, and Thurrock, driving sustainable growth through three industry ecosystems:

Sustainable Construction

Technology Manufacturing

Food & Drink

The Freeport also envisions a “21st Century City”, integrating industrial clusters, sustainable infrastructure, and inclusive communities to connect residents with education and employment.

With 40% of UK food and drink imports passing through its ports, Thames Freeport invites expressions of interest (EOIs) for a Food & Drink Supply Chain, Processing, Packaging & Logistics Innovation Centre. This initiative will drive economic growth, sustainability, and innovation by enhancing supply chain efficiency, packaging, and logistics practices.

Procurement follows a Competitive Dialogue under Regulation 30 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, with EOI as the first stage. Shortlisted suppliers will proceed to tender for FY25-26 delivery.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £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

- UKI52 - Barking & Dagenham and Havering

Main site or place of performance

Barking & Dagenham and Havering

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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

6

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Ends September 2025 with the potential to be extended dependent on the necessary approvals and agreements from the Freeport Board and Accountable Body

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 IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Competitive dialogue

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

24 March 2025

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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