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## **Thames Freeport Food and Drink Sustainable Packaging Centre Programme**

Thames Freeport Limited

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKI52 - Barking & Dagenham and Havering

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://thamesfreeport.com/>

**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

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## **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

#### **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

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

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### **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

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## **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**

Thames Freeport Limited

London

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United Kingdom