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## **Market Engagement for Specialist Science and Contingency Services**

Defra Network eTendering Portal

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

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

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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.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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Market Engagement for Specialist Science and Contingency Services

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This notice is for information only and is not a call for competition. Defra reserves the right not to enter a formal procurement process and not proceed with any contract award. DEFRA is holding a market engagement session at 11am (GMT) on 30th March in connection with the delivery of a significant number of scientific services and invites all interested parties to attend.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 90720000 - Environmental protection
- 90721400 - Genetic resources protection services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 79411100 - Business development consultancy services
- 90712200 - Forest conservation strategy planning
- 90721700 - Endangered species protection services

- 79420000 - Management-related services
- 79411000 - General management consultancy services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services
- 90721300 - Food or feed contamination protection services
- 79311300 - Survey analysis services
- 90711500 - Environmental monitoring other than for construction
- 85200000 - Veterinary services
- 73112000 - Marine research services
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 90715000 - Pollution investigation services
- 90721800 - Natural risks or hazards protection services
- 90712300 - Marine conservation strategy planning
- 90712400 - Natural resources management or conservation strategy planning services
- 73110000 - Research services
- 90721000 - Environmental safety services
- 90722000 - Environmental rehabilitation
- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Defra currently operates a framework contract providing scientific evidence and services to support its policy making and operational responsibilities including emergency response capabilities in relation to food and the environment. The contract is also used by other government departments, including but not limited to the Food Standards Agency, Welsh Government and the Home Office. Any new provider will require the ability to deliver reliable, high-quality business and scientific services competitively; well-proven transition and transformational capabilities within challenging timeframes; and possess a vision and commitment to enhance relevant scientific capability into the future.

Defra is holding a market engagement session on 30th March 2023 at 11am to assess market interest, capability and capacity. Interested parties can register for the Teams meeting by emailing [network.procurement@defra.gov.uk](mailto:network.procurement@defra.gov.uk) ensuring that 'Specialist Science and Contingency Services ME Session EOI' is included in the subject of the email. Please provide details of your organisation, the names, emails and job titles of who will attend and we will email a link where you can join the meeting.

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## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

2 October 2023

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## **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