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Planning

Supply of Methane Suppressing Feed Products

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04463f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Supply of Methane Suppressing Feed Products

Reference number

P35658

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 15700000 - Animal feedstuffs

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The Authority is seeking to identify existing and potential suppliers of methane suppressing feed products (MSFPs) to understand the maturity of the mid-term market for MSFPs in England, and the extent to which the English cattle herd could be supplied with these products between 2025-2030. Please note: This Prior Information Notice (PIN) is for market engagement only and the purpose of this notice is to gather market information.

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)

- 15700000 - Animal feedstuffs

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Authority is exploring the status of high market readiness methane suppressing feed products (MSFPs), i.e. those feed additives or materials likely to gain requisite approvals and enter the market in England between 2025 and 2030. This is to help inform the Authority's strategy and consideration of whether government intervention is required to secure adequate supplies of suitable MSFPs for the English cattle herd amenable to their use.

Defra is considering the development of the market for methane suppressing feed products (MSFPs) to reduce ruminant enteric methane emissions. In its response to the call for evidence launched on this topic, Defra committed to "work closely with industry

and farmers to encourage the widespread adoption of Methane Suppressing Feed Products (MSFPs) in England”

The animal nutrition landscape is varied, with a range of products, including but not limited to; methanogenesis inhibitors, seaweeds, essential oils, organic acids, probiotics, and antimicrobials, which demonstrate potential for methane inhibition. The current market for products includes both licensed feed additives and registered feed materials with methane reducing properties. Some products have more explicitly proven efficacy and safety, whilst others are at earlier stages of development.

The scope of the requirement is for feed additive, feed supplement or other product manufacturers to signal their position within the market for products with methane inhibiting properties. The Authority is looking to establish details of suitable products, the extent of trials or research demonstrating product safety and efficacy, current and forecasted production capacity, geographical locations of production sites or office bases, existing registration or future intention to launch a registered feed material, and/or intention to seek approvals for licensed use in the GB/UK feed additives market.

II.2.14) Additional information

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Those wishing to register their interest should contact Louise Moizer (louise.moizer@defra.gov.uk), ideally by the end of May to inform our strategy development.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 September 2024

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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