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Contract

## **ID 3624546 DAERA - AFBI - Northern Ireland Soil Nutrient Health Scheme (SNHS)**

The Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute AFBI

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2022/S 000-008054

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02f943

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

#### **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

ID 3624546 DAERA - AFBI - Northern Ireland Soil Nutrient Health Scheme (SNHS)

Reference number

ID 3624546

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

- 71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services

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

Services

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

AFBI now seeks to establish Contracts for 2 separate service provisions for soil sampling and soil analysis. Acknowledging that the 2 services are of a different nature to each other, the Contracts will be separated into 2 lots; Lot 1 will be for the provision of Soil Sampling and Lot 2 will be for the provision of Soil Nutrient Analysis. Tenderers can bid for either or both Lots.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £34,000,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 1 Soil Sampling

Lot No

1

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

- 71610000 - Composition and purity testing and analysis services
- 71620000 - Analysis services
- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services
- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 14212400 - Soil

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 Methodology – Overall approach / Weighting: 12

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Methodology – Technical aspects / Weighting: 12

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Contract Manager Experience / Weighting: 9

Quality criterion - Name: AC4 Key Delivery Personnel Experience / Weighting: 9

Quality criterion - Name: AC5 Methodology – Off-Season Sampling / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: AC6 Contingency Arrangements / Weighting: 6

Quality criterion - Name: AC7 Data Protection / Weighting: 6

Cost criterion - Name: AC8 Total Contract Price Model 1 / Weighting: 24

Cost criterion - Name: AC9 Total Contract Price Model 2 / Weighting: 8

Cost criterion - Name: AC10 Total Contract Price Model 3 / Weighting: 8

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Contract period commenced on award March 2022 and will run until 31 March 2026. The contract will have an initial period up to 31 March 2024 and will contain the options to extend for two further periods of up to 12 months each.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The value in II.1.7 is a maximum estimated contract value for both Lots. These are demand driven contracts with no guarantee of uptake and spend

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 2 Soil Analysis

Lot No

2

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

- 71610000 - Composition and purity testing and analysis services
- 71620000 - Analysis services
- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services
- 71900000 - Laboratory services
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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-029140](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

1

### **Lot No**

1

### **Title**

LOT 1 Soil Sampling

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

24 March 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

RPS Ireland Ltd

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NUTS code

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £17,600,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £19,000,000



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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

2

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

LOT 2 Soil Analysis

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

24 March 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

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Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Cawood Scientific Ltd

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Country

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NUTS code

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Internet address

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £7,680,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £15,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Contract Monitoring. The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored in line with PGN 01/12.. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD. for further action. If this occurs and your performance does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, this can be considered grounds for termination of the contract at your expense as provided for in the Conditions of Contract. In lieu of termination, CPD may issue a Notice of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance. A supplier in receipt of multiple Notices of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance may, in accordance with The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) be excluded from future public procurement competitions for a period of up to three years.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended)