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## **Dead Wild Bird and Mammal Surveillance and Collection Services for Avian Influenza (AI)**

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-009925

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-044d48

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

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

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United Kingdom

**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.3) Communication**

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

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**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**

Dead Wild Bird and Mammal Surveillance and Collection Services for Avian Influenza (AI)

Reference number

C23923

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

- 77500000 - Animal husbandry services

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

Services

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

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) requires the collection of dead wild birds and small mammals that are deemed to be of surveillance value, and delivery of the carcasses to designated sites for testing across mainland Great Britain (GB).

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £3,314,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) requires the collection of dead wild birds that are deemed to be of surveillance value, and delivery of the wild bird carcasses to designated APHA Veterinary Investigation Centre (VIC) or Scotland Rural College Disease Surveillance Centre (SRUCDSC) sites for testing.

APHA also requires the provision of unique wild bird carcase identification numbers which will be held on a Central Spreadsheet.

Collection (and delivery) of specified small mammalian carcasses will also be required, particularly if mortalities are linked epidemiologically to an AI outbreak in wild birds.

The Contractor will be required to have a network of personnel to act as Collectors across mainland Great Britain (GB) to ensure maximum efficiency in the Contractor's timely ability to collect carcasses upon request from the Authority. As a minimum this shall mean that the Contractor can collect and deliver any carcase across mainland GB within forty-eight (48) hours of the Authority's request (i.e., for a Collector to travel from their point of origin to the location of the carcase(s) and then either to an APHAVIC or SRUCDSC, and/or a return journey).

While this Contract primarily covers collections from mainland GB, Services from GB islands (excluding Crown Dependencies) may be requested. If this situation occurs the Contractor would be expected to provide a quotation and estimated timescale for the collection. The APHA Veterinary Lead in Avian Virology would then advise if the collection should go ahead.

Note that the value shown on this notice is very approximate and covers the full potential 5-year contract period (01/09/2024 to 31/08/2027 with up to 24 months extension allowable).

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £3,314,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 September 2024

End date

31 August 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

This contract may be extended by up to twenty-four (24) months (to 31/08/2029).

Note that the estimated contract value (shown in sections II.1.5.1 and II.2.6.1) covers the full potential 5-year contract period (01/09/2024 to 31/08/2027 with up to 24 months extension allowable).

The Authority is not obliged to extend the contract after the initial 3 years.

#### **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**

If you are interested in this requirement please ensure you are registered on Defra's e-Sourcing system Atamis <https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

If you need technical help with the Atamis system when registering please contact the Atamis support team e-mail [Support@Atamis.co.uk](mailto:Support@Atamis.co.uk) or phone Tel: 029 2279 0052.

Any questions, requests to participate or tender submissions must be submitted electronically via the portal.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

8 May 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

8 May 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: If the Services continue to be required, and if the contract extension option is used, then a new procurement would start in Nov 2028.

### VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic payment will be used

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

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Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>

