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## **Environment Agency Contract for National Tide Gauge Maintenance**

Environment Agency

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02aebc

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

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

Environment Agency

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Bristol

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#### **Email**

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#### **Telephone**

+44 2072385921

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **NUTS 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.bravosolution.co.uk>

## **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://defra.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://defra.bravosolution.co.uk>

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

National or federal Agency/Office

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

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Environment Agency Contract for National Tide Gauge Maintenance

Reference number

Project\_32994

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

- 90700000 - Environmental services

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

Services

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

The Environment Agency owns and maintains 42 'Class A' strategic tide gauges, distributed around the UK coastline on behalf of the UK Coastal Flood Forecasting partnership. These are commonly referred to as the UKCFF tide gauges or UK National Tide Gauge Network (NTGN).

#### **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 network currently consists of 21 sites in England, 10 in Scotland, 7 in Wales, 2 in Northern Ireland, 1 in Jersey and 1 in the Isle of Man. The Environment Agency is responsible

for and manages all gauges in the network.

Use of the data is not restricted to the operating authority boundary in which a gauge is located, for example both the Environment Agency (England) and Natural Resources Wales (Wales) use the Liverpool tide gauge data in delivering their forecasting services.

These tide gauges are of critical importance in providing flood forecasting, warning, modelling, mapping and operational activities. The primary use of the network is to support the operational flood forecasting activities of the UK Flood Forecasting Authorities. The gauges are used to:

- Provide a strategic overview of real time coastal conditions around the UK.
- Track the progress of coastal surge around the UK waters.
- Develop and calibrate the coastal surge model hosted by the Met Office.
- Produce high quality tide tables for key strategic locations in the UK for flood forecasting.
- Provide high quality archive data sets for use in coastal flood modelling and mapping applications and modelling of extreme sea levels.

### **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

tbc

### **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**

Open procedure

#### **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

7 June 2021

#### **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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

7 June 2021

Local time

12:00pm

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: tbc

### VI.3) Additional information

Thank you for your interest in tendering for this requirement, You will need to access the documents through Bravo Solutions portal.

1) The web address is <https://defra.bravosolution.co.uk> and click the link to register — Accept the terms and conditions and click 'continue' — Enter your correct business and user details — Note the username you chose and click 'Save' when complete — You will shortly receive an email with your unique password (please keep this secure).

2. Express an Interest in the tender — Login to the portal with the username/password — Click the 'PQQs / ITTs Open To All Suppliers' link. (These are Pre-Qualification Questionnaires or Invitations to Tender open to any registered supplier) — Click on the relevant PQQ/ ITT to access the content. — Click the 'Express Interest' button at the top of the page. — This will move the PQQ /ITT into your 'My PQQs/ My ITTs' page. (This is a secure area reserved for your projects only) -You can now access any attachments by clicking 'Buyer Attachments' in the 'PQQ/ ITT Details' box 3. Responding to the tender — Click 'My Response' under 'PQQ/ ITT Details', you can choose to 'Create Response' or to 'Decline to Respond' (please give a reason if declining) — You can now use the 'Messages' function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification — Note the deadline for completion, then follow the onscreen instructions to complete the PQQ/ ITT — There may be a mixture of online and offline actions for you to perform (there is detailed online help available) You must then submit your reply using the 'Submit Response' button at the top of the page. Please give yourself enough time to complete this before the deadline. If you require any further assistance please consult the online help, or contact the e-Tendering help desk.

Please direct all questions and queries through the message function of the portal, including any clarification questions. This is to ensure no questions are missed and that all answers can be shared with all interested suppliers at the same time

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

Courts of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom