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## **Supply of Gases to the Air Quality Monitoring Network**

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-044e38

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

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

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

Seacole Building, 2 Marsham Street

London

SW1P 4DF

#### **Contact**

DGCEnquiries@defra.gov.uk

#### **Email**

[DGCEnquiries@defra.gov.uk](mailto:DGCEnquiries@defra.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

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 to 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**

Supply of Gases to the Air Quality Monitoring Network

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

- 44612100 - Gas cylinders

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

Supplies

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

The Environment Agency (EA) requires the supply of gas cylinders to a number of Automatic Urban and Rural Network (AURN) air quality monitoring sites distributed across the UK to enable analysis of air pollution. The current number of AURN sites requiring the supply of gases is around 160. There will be an additional 104 PM2.5 sites delivered through the PM2.5 expansion over the next 3 years, however, only 89 of these are completely new sites. Also not all of the 89 sites will require gases, only those that have other analysers installed.

The Agency also requires the supply of calibration and zero gas cylinders to meet its operational and quality needs. as well as a supply of UKAS or equivalent ISO 17025 certified cylinders

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

Value excluding VAT: £970,600

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 24100000 - Gases
- 24110000 - Industrial gases

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Throughout U.K.

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

The Environment Agency (EA) requires the supply of gas cylinders to a number of Automatic Urban and Rural Network (AURN) air quality monitoring sites distributed across the UK to enable analysis of air pollution. The current number of AURN sites requiring the supply of gases is around 160. There will be an additional 104 PM2.5 sites delivered through the PM2.5 expansion over the next 3 years, however, only 89 of these are completely new sites. Also not all of the 89 sites will require gases, only those that have other analysers installed.

The Agency also requires the supply of calibration and zero gas cylinders to meet its operational and quality needs as well as a supply of UKAS or equivalent ISO 17025 certified cylinders.

The volume of gas usage provided in the Specification are estimates and can not be guaranteed.

The scope of requirement is as follows:

- the supply of zero gases
- the supply of span gases (NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and CO) to the standard stated in the Specification.
- the supply of span gases with ISO17025 accreditation and their accreditation certificates as outlined in the specification.
- the supply of H<sub>2</sub>S (ISO17025 accredited and non-accredited) and ISO17025 accredited Methane / Propane gases.
- a delivery network that is able to reach all of the United Kingdom including Northern Ireland.
- a digital tracking and invoicing system to ensure gases returned after rental over a number of years are managed through a reliable accounting system.

The contract period is for an initial term of four (4) years from 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2028, with the option to extend up to twenty-four (24) months .

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 40

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

Value excluding VAT: £970,600

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

Start date

1 September 2024

End date

31 August 2028

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

May be extended for additional periods up to a maximum period of two (2) years bringing the total contract period to six (6) years.

Note that the estimated contract value in Sections II.1.5 and II.2.6 is the estimated value for both the initial contract period and the extension period.

The Authority is not obligated to extend the contract after the initial four (4) 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**

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

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

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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

10 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: 5 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

10 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: Likely to be 12 months before the extension term expires which is 31/08/2029

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

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

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

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

[publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

[publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

[publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

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