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Planning

Next flood warning system

Environment Agency

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency>

Buyer's address

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/d873b037-822c-4ade-9fe7-02b69ec115d0>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/d873b037-822c-4ade-9fe7-02b69ec115d0>

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

Next flood warning system

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Environment Agency (EA) is an executive non-departmental public body sponsored by Defra, the UK government department which is responsible for improving and protecting the environment. The EA works to create better places for people and wildlife, and support sustainable development. The EA are also responsible for managing the risk of flooding from main rivers, reservoirs, estuaries and the sea.

The EA has used a flood warning system (FWS) to deliver a flood warning service to the public, partners and the media for over twenty years. At the core of FWS is the message dissemination system used by the EA to send warnings of flooding by text, email and telephone. It enables the EA to fulfil its statutory duty (under the Civil Contingencies Act as a Category 1 responder) to warn the public and EAs partner organisations of risk to life and property because of flooding or the threat of flooding.

The purpose of this notice is for the EA to make known its intention of a planned procurement and to commence the market engagement process (in advance of commencing any formal procurement process) for the next flood warning system. Prospective tenderers are requested to read the prospectus on the Contracts Finder microsite

(<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/d873b037-822c-4ade-9fe7-02b69ec115d0>), to confirm their attendance at the market engagement event and complete a market engagement questionnaire by following the instructions within the prospectus.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £20,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38221000 - Geographic information systems (GIS or equivalent)
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 48333000 - Contact management software package
- 48512000 - Interactive voice response software package
- 64212100 - Short Message Service (SMS) services
- 64216000 - Electronic message and information services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Please refer to the Contracts Finder microsite:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/d873b037-822c-4ade-9fe7-02b69ec115d0>.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 August 2022

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

This notice and the associated prospectus are written and provided in good faith; the EA reserves the right to alter any aspect of this document, or to not proceed with the procurement in any way. This notice and the associated prospectus summarises certain aspects of the procurement but does not purport to contain complete descriptions of it, nor to be all inclusive or contain all the information that a prospective tenderer may require when determining whether to take part in this market engagement process. No representation or warranty, express or implied, is or will be made, and no responsibility or liability is or will be accepted by the EA or any of its advisors as to the accuracy, adequacy or completeness of the information within this notice and the associated prospectus. This notice and the associated prospectus are not intended to form the basis of any investment decision or other evaluation by the recipient(s) and does not constitute and should not be considered as a recommendation by any person. The EA shall not be liable for any costs or expenses of any prospective tenderer in relation to any matter in connection with this market engagement process, howsoever incurred.