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Planning

## **Provision of a Fund Manager for the Biodiverse Landscapes Fund**

Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

F01: Prior information notice

Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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

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

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Buyer's address

<https://defra.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://defra.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

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/web/login.html>

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**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**

Provision of a Fund Manager for the Biodiverse Landscapes Fund

Reference number

project\_32875

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

- 75211200 - Foreign economic-aid-related services

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

Services

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

At the 2019 UN General Assembly the Prime Minister announced a new £100m Biodiverse Landscapes Fund (BLF) to restore key landscapes and their ecosystems and support human development objectives in global biodiversity hotspots.

The Authority anticipates a requirement to appoint a Fund Manager (FM) to manage approx. £86.6m of Official Development Assistance (ODA) grant funding in 18 countries grouped into six landscapes, over a period of 9 financial years. The fund may be extended by a period, or periods, totalling 36 months.

The FM will be required to administer delivery partner competitions on the Authority's behalf, manage and monitor the grants, co-ordinate BLF-wide learning, and provide ad-hoc and bespoke technical assistance, through a call-down facility.

The BLF will run over a period of 9 financial years with a budget of £100m.

The Authority is seeking expressions of interest from the market and is looking to undertake market engagement activity with suppliers. The Authority is looking for the markets comments on our specification (terms of reference) and response to our market engagement questionnaire.

The publication of this PIN represents the markets opportunity to support the Authority in refining our requirements prior to a planned competitive tender.

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

Value excluding VAT: £94,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 71248000 - Supervision of project and documentation
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 75130000 - Supporting services for the government
- 75131100 - General personnel services for the government
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79421000 - Project-management services other than for construction work
- 90720000 - Environmental protection
- 98360000 - Marine services
- 98910000 - Services specific to international organisations and bodies

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

International delivery locations across 6 transborder landscapes

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

This is a Prior Information Notice to facilitate market engagement. As described within section II.1.4 the Authority is seeking to approach the market in the coming months to appoint a fund manager. The Authority is looking for the markets comments on our specification and response to a market engagement questionnaire.

The Authority may used this PIN to shorted the timeframes for an open competition.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Value excluding VAT: £94,000,000

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

Duration in months

144

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

As described within this notice, the Authority envisages an initial term of 9 years and may extend this contract by a period, or periods, totalling 36 months.

#### **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.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

28 June 2021

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

#### **IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures**

28 June 2021

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

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

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