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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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<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>

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

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

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

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

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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