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## **CEFAS23-18 Specialist Marine Technical Consultant**

Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science

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

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

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Main address

<https://www.cefass.co.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**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**

CEFAS23-18 Specialist Marine Technical Consultant

Reference number

CEFAS23-18

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

- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services

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

Services

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

The tender opportunity is for the provision of a specialist marine technical consultant to support Cefas in the technical development of a range of already identified options for Cefas' future delivery at sea. This will form part of an Outline Business Case (OBC).

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

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

#### **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

Main site or place of performance

Lowestoft

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

The Specialist Technical Consultant (herein referred to as Consultant) will be required to support Cefas in the technical development of shortlisted options (below) as part of the development, submission, and progression of reviews/approvals of an Outline Business Case (OBC) by 30 June 2024.

Option 1: Continued use of RV Cefas Endeavour (with no targeted investment)

Stage A: Consideration of and understanding the risks of continued use of RV Cefas Endeavour without targeted life extension investment and working up future vessel management approaches.

Option 2: 15-year life extension of RV Cefas Endeavour (with targeted investment)

Stage A: Expand on the initial Life Extension Report to create a Life Extension Design / Specification for continued operation of RV Cefas Endeavour to 2048, and working up future vessel management approaches.

Option 3: A like-for-like replacement vessel, including:

Stage A: Research Vessel Design Specification

Stage B: Procurement of Shipbuilders

Stage C: Shipyard Plan Approval

Stage D: Supervision of Construction

Stage E: Trials and Acceptance

Stage F: Guarantee Period and Docking

Option 4: An enhanced replacement vessel, including:

Stage A: Research Vessel Design Specification

Stage B: Procurement of Shipbuilders

Stage C: Shipyard Plan Approval

Stage D: Supervision of Construction

Stage E: Trials and Acceptance

Stage F: Guarantee Period and Docking

To support the development of options, it is expected that Cefas will provide Tenderers with access to Cefas Endeavour – Survey Report December 2022 (C/00634/133564/11623 Rev 1) and RV Cefas Endeavour – Life Extension Report (M/634/133564/11637 Rev 1). Both reports were authored by Houlder Ltd as part of an existing contractual arrangement.

The base contract under this procurement will only cover Option 1, Option 2, Option 3 (Stage A only), and Option 4 (Stage A only), with the contract expected to commence on or before 31 July 2023. Tenderers will also be required to provide a technical and commercial response to address the subsequent stages (Stages B to F) for both Options

3 and 4 in order to provide Cefas the option for the Specialist Marine Technical Consultancy Contract to be extended (should this be deemed appropriate by Cefas, for which it holds sole discretion). Under such an extension, the conclusion of Stage F of either Option 3 or 4 (and associated contract termination) could be expected to be as late as 31st December 2034.

For the avoidance of doubt, the OBC will be owned by Cefas, and a Business Case Support contractor (procured under a separate procurement exercise) will be working alongside Cefas and the Specialist Marine Technical Consultant to develop the OBC.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Cefas will be holding a supplier briefing and Q&A event on Friday 5th May 2023 at 10am.

Please register for tickets here: [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cefas23-18-supplier-briefing-event-and-qa-tickets-624231793097?keep\\_tld=1](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cefas23-18-supplier-briefing-event-and-qa-tickets-624231793097?keep_tld=1)

Registration for tickets will close at 5pm on Thursday 4th May 2023.

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

15 May 2023

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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