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Contract

## **29581 - Environmental Risk Assessment and Management Services for Chemicals (ERAS2)**

Defra Network eTendering Portal

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal Agency/Office

## **I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

29581 - Environmental Risk Assessment and Management Services for Chemicals (ERAS2)

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

- 90710000 - Environmental management

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

Services

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

The Environment Agency seeks to identify high quality suppliers to participate in a tendering exercise for the provision of a new framework agreement for Environmental Risk Assessment and Management Services for Chemicals. The Framework (ERAS2) will support the Environment Agency to gain access to expert support, enabling them to achieve

organisational objectives.

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Risk Assessments

Lot No

1

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

- 90710000 - Environmental management

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

a) To provide specialist advice on chemical fate, behaviour and (eco)toxicity for evaluations of environmental hazard. This will include the critical analysis and summary of scientific data included in test reports or retrieved from academic literature searches for specific substances; advice on test strategies to investigate a concern for specific chemicals or properties; and/or the critical review of comments received as a part of a consultation on a regulatory dossier. Chemicals of interest include both organic and inorganic substances (including polymers and nanomaterials), with a particular focus on persistent, bioaccumulative/mobile and toxic (PB/MT) substances and endocrine disruption. Under some circumstances, advice on mammalian toxicology may be needed to support the development of environmental quality standards, the identification of substances of very high concern (e.g. as part of a PBT or POPs assessment) or a secondary poisoning

assessment).

b) To provide specialist advice on chemical emissions and environmental exposure and, risk. This will include the critical analysis and summary of scientific data retrieved from academic literature searches for specific substances or included in REACH Chemical Safety Assessments; advice on the refinement of exposure assessments; and/or the critical review of comments received as a part of a consultation on a regulatory dossier. This could involve modelling (including human exposure via the environment), analysis of monitoring data and mapping, as well as an expert understanding of usage patterns.

c) To review assessments undertaken by third parties, including where necessary identification of issues of particular interest to the UK. The main focus will be on industry assessments carried out under the REACH Regulation. However, documents produced under other legislation (e.g. the Stockholm Convention) or by other national or international regulatory bodies may also be relevant. The work is expected to involve:

i) checking — data (e.g. in terms of adequacy),

— hazard and risk assessment approaches (including assumptions),

— testing proposals or derogations, and/or

— hazard classification proposals.

ii) where necessary, the provision of UK data regarding use patterns, supply volumes, releases, monitoring data (including, but not exclusive to, surface water, groundwater, apex predators), etc.; this may require consultation with industry.

For a review of a formal EU Substance Evaluation, for example, a check should be made for technical errors or omissions and consistency, with reference to the available REACH Technical Guidance and OECD Test Guideline documents. Key studies on which the assessment is based should be identified and checked for reliability and relevance, together with all assumptions, justifications and discussions, especially if a different approach to that in the Technical Guidance has been used.

The need for this type of work (c) is likely to be infrequent.

d) To develop and improve existing hazard/risk assessment methods. This includes evaluating and providing advice on chemical test methods and models (e.g. data estimation methods such as quantitative structure activity relationships (QSAR), in vitro screening assays, Adverse Outcome Pathways (AOPs), international test guidelines, probabilistic risk assessment, etc.), as required. The contractor may be required to review reports in this area, consider the suitability of a proposed method to investigate a concern or provide comments on draft proposals for a particular method.

e) Other technical advice as necessary, for example on particular concerns for biologically active molecules (such as pesticides), methods of chemical analysis, ecological impacts, etc.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Submission / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

Options: No

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Risk Management

Lot No

2

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

- 90710000 - Environmental management

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

a) To provide specialist advice on chemical emissions and environmental exposure, risk and risk management options. This will include the critical analysis and summary of scientific

data retrieved from academic literature searches for specific substances or included in Applications for Authorisation (AfA); advice on the refinement of exposure assessments; and/or the critical review of comments received as a part of a consultation on a regulatory dossier. This could involve modelling (including human exposure via the environment), analysis of monitoring data and mapping, as well as an expert understanding of usage patterns, socio-economic factors and emission control techniques.

b) To develop and improve existing risk management methods. This includes evaluating and providing advice on measuring the effectiveness of regulatory intervention and models (e.g. probabilistic risk assessment, etc.), as required. The contractor may be required to review reports in this area, consider the suitability of a proposed method to investigate a concern or provide comments on draft proposals for a particular method.

c) To review assessments undertaken by third parties, including where necessary identification of issues of particular interest to the UK. The main focus will be on industry assessments and submissions made under the UK REACH Regulation. However, documents produced under other legislation (e.g. the Stockholm Convention) or by other national or international regulatory bodies may also be relevant. The work is expected to involve:

i) checking — data (e.g. in terms of adequacy),

— risk assessment approaches (including assumptions), and

— risk management proposals.

ii) where necessary, the provision of UK data regarding use patterns, supply volumes, releases, etc.; this may require consultation with industry.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Submission / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

Options: No

## **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2020/S 213-523093](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Lot No

1

### Title

29581 - Environmental Risk Assessment and Management Services for Chemicals (ERAS2) - LOT 1 Chemical Risk Assessments

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 May 2021

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 8

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Sciences

Suffolk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No



**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Atkins

Surrey

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Ricardo-AEA Ltd

Oxford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

RSK-ADAS Limited

Cheshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology

Berkshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Peter Fisk Associates Ltd.

Kent

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

WCA Environment Ltd.

Oxfordshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £300,000

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

2

### **Title**

29581 - Environmental Risk Assessment and Management Services for Chemicals (ERAS2) - LOT 2 Chemical Risk Management

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

21 May 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Peter Fisk Associates

Kent

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

WCA Environment Ltd.

Oxfordshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Wood Group UK Limited

Aberdeenshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £300,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The Court of England and Wales

Various

Country

United Kingdom