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## **ENCOURAGING BEST PRACTICE IN THE FOOD PROCUREMENT SUPPLY CHAINS OF EDUCATION**

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**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**

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Reference number

P-35928

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

Services

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

We are scoping out the potential for delivery against the following set of objectives within the 24/25 financial year across education settings in England. The approximate budget would be £5m.

- Encouraging best practice in education sector food procurement
- Support education settings in beginning their journey to meeting the Government Buying Standards for Food and Catering Services without mandating them in education settings
- Encourage sourcing of food in education settings which is produced to higher environmental production and animal welfare standards
- Encouraging sourcing of food in education settings from a more diverse range of suppliers, particularly from SMEs, to better support local economies, increase resilience, and encourage food producers to innovate
- Encourage food procurement practices in education settings that can involve pupils in a way that supports their health, education and relationship with food and farming (e.g. educational visits to farms)
- Improve understanding in education settings of the challenges related to food production and why supporting local food producers is important
- Encourage greater use of local and seasonal produce in education sector procurement practices in support of farmers
- Reducing food waste in schools
- Increase transparency of food supply chains in schools to drive continuous improvement and build our understanding of what is bought, served, sold and wasted

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

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Please register interest by emailing Samantha Lee at [samantha.lee1@defra.gov.uk](mailto:samantha.lee1@defra.gov.uk)

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

12 April 2024

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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: Yes