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Planning

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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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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

ENCOURAGING BEST PRACTICE IN THE FOOD PROCUREMENT SUPPLY CHAINS OF
EDUCATION

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

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

12 April 2024

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