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Planning

National Plant Hire Framework

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

National Plant Hire Framework

Reference number

P-31396

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77111000 - Hire of agricultural machinery with operator

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The DEFRA Group is a collection of government agencies and departments (Environment Agency, Animal Plant and Health Agency, Rural Payments Agency, Natural England, Marine Management Organisation etc) responsible for improving and protecting the environment.

Defra Group Fleet Services (DGFS) are responsible for ensuring that the Defra Group operate the safest, greenest, most cost-effective assets and for procuring all fleet assets, ensuring they meet Defra safety and environmental criteria.

The DGFS fleet consists of a range of commercial vehicles and plant. DGFS also hires commercial vehicles and plant.

Through the issuing of this Prior Information Notice (PIN), DGFS wish to notify and engage the market to understand both supplier capability and the level of interest in this opportunity. Full details are included below.

DGFS are planning a supplier engagement event at 11:00 BST on the 5th June 2023, where there will be a short presentation detailing the opportunity and information on the key areas for consideration under the new framework agreement(s). Following the presentation, on the 8th June 2023, a number of 45 minute time slots will be made available to the potential suppliers to have individual discussions for the managing lot (1). This is first come first serve and please email the commercial lead for available times.

Information about lots:

DGFS expects that this framework will be divided into 7 lots, with suppliers able to bid for one, some, or all lots. This approach may change depending on the outcome of engagement. An outline of the proposed lots is detailed below. The intention is to award Lot 1 to a single managing agent supplier. Lot 2 to 7 may be awarded to a single supplier, or multiple suppliers. Please note, this information is subject to change and other asset

types may be required throughout the lifetime of the framework.

Lot 1: Managing Agent:

- Single supplier of these services
- Manage framework suppliers across Lots 2 to 7
- Single point of contact for DGFS Contract Manager and Contract Users

Lot 2(a) : Plant Equipment:

- Plant equipment, including the following asset groups:
- Excavators up to 8t
- Telehandlers
- Rollers
- Excavator Attachments
- Dumpers
- Tracked Dumpers up to 3t
- Forklifts
- MEWP

Lot 2 (b) -Site Provision

Site provision and security equipment including:

- Lighting
- Bowsers
- Generators
- Traffic Management
- Fencing
- Temporary Access systems

Lot 3: Accommodation

Accommodation and welfare equipment including:

- Toilets
- Welfare Units – Static, Towable and Mobile
- Storage Units
- Welfare Units – Static

Lot 4:Pumps

Pumping equipment and supplies including:

- Petrol/Electric pumps up to 3"
- Diesel driven pumps up to 12" – skid mounted and towed
- Electric Submersible up to 24" (must deliver 1 cumec minimum)
- Hydraulic Pumps up to 12"

Lot 5: Operated plant including:

- Long Reach Excavators
- Dumpers

- Dump Trucks
- Dozers

Lot 6: Agricultural plant and equipment including:

- Tractors
- Bank Mowers
- Remote Control Mowers
- Agricultural Dump & Plant Trailers
- Woodchippers

Lot 7: Heavy plant including:

- Long Reach Excavators
- Excavator Attachments
- Excavators over 8t
- Dump Trucks
- Tracked Dumpers 3t and over
- Dozers
- Backhoe Loader 8t and over
- Loading Shovels

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £60,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

(1) Managing Agent

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77111000 - Hire of agricultural machinery with operator
- 42415000 - Forklift trucks, works trucks, railway-station platforms tractors
- 16000000 - Agricultural machinery

- 34142000 - Crane and dumper trucks
- 60650000 - Hire of water transport equipment with crew
- 43262000 - Excavating machinery
- 43300000 - Construction machinery and equipment
- 77112000 - Hire of mowers or agricultural equipment with operator
- 31120000 - Generators
- 16700000 - Tractors
- 45520000 - Hire of earthmoving equipment with operator
- 34114300 - Welfare vehicles
- 43134100 - Submersible pumps
- 16310000 - Mowers
- 45500000 - Hire of construction and civil engineering machinery and equipment with operator
- 60170000 - Hire of passenger transport vehicles with driver

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Managing agent

- Single supplier of these services
- Manage framework suppliers across Lots 2 to 7
- Single point of contact for DGFS Contract Manager and Contract Users

Dedicated point of contact, managing framework contractors for equipment lots.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

(2) Plant Equipment & Site Provision

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77111000 - Hire of agricultural machinery with operator
- 42415000 - Forklift trucks, works trucks, railway-station platforms tractors
- 45500000 - Hire of construction and civil engineering machinery and equipment with operator
- 43300000 - Construction machinery and equipment
- 43262000 - Excavating machinery
- 34142000 - Crane and dumper trucks
- 45520000 - Hire of earthmoving equipment with operator
- 31120000 - Generators

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Plant equipment, including the following asset groups:

- Excavators up to 8t
- Telehandlers
- Rollers
- Excavator Attachments
- Dumpers
- Tracked Dumpers up to 3t
- Forklifts
- MEWP

Site provision and security equipment including:

- Lighting
- Bowsers
- Generators
- Traffic Management
- Fencing
- Temporary Access systems

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

(3) Accommodation

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77111000 - Hire of agricultural machinery with operator
- 60170000 - Hire of passenger transport vehicles with driver
- 45500000 - Hire of construction and civil engineering machinery and equipment with operator
- 43300000 - Construction machinery and equipment
- 34114300 - Welfare vehicles

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Accommodation and welfare equipment including:

- Toilets
- Welfare Units – Static, Towable and Mobile
- Storage Units
- Welfare Units – Static

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

(4) Pumps

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77111000 - Hire of agricultural machinery with operator
- 43300000 - Construction machinery and equipment
- 60650000 - Hire of water transport equipment with crew
- 45500000 - Hire of construction and civil engineering machinery and equipment with operator
- 43134100 - Submersible pumps

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Pumping equipment and supplies including:

- Petrol/Electric pumps up to 3"
- Diesel driven pumps up to 12" – skid mounted and towed
- Electric Submersible up to 24" (must deliver 1 cumec minimum)
- Hydraulic Pumps up to 12"

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

(5) Operated plant

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77111000 - Hire of agricultural machinery with operator
- 45500000 - Hire of construction and civil engineering machinery and equipment with operator
- 43262000 - Excavating machinery
- 16000000 - Agricultural machinery
- 43300000 - Construction machinery and equipment

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Operated plant including:

- Long Reach Excavators
- Dumpers
- Dump Trucks
- Dozers

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

(6) Agricultural plant

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77111000 - Hire of agricultural machinery with operator
- 16000000 - Agricultural machinery
- 45500000 - Hire of construction and civil engineering machinery and equipment with operator
- 43300000 - Construction machinery and equipment
- 16700000 - Tractors
- 77112000 - Hire of mowers or agricultural equipment with operator

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Agricultural plant and equipment including:

- Tractors
- Bank Mowers
- Remote Control Mowers
- Agricultural Dump & Plant Trailers

- Woodchippers

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

(7) Heavy plant

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77111000 - Hire of agricultural machinery with operator
- 43300000 - Construction machinery and equipment
- 16000000 - Agricultural machinery
- 43262000 - Excavating machinery
- 45500000 - Hire of construction and civil engineering machinery and equipment with operator
- 34142000 - Crane and dumper trucks

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Heavy plant including:

- Long Reach Excavators
- Excavator Attachments
- Excavators over 8t
- Dump Trucks
- Tracked Dumpers 3t and over
- Dozers
- Backhoe Loader 8t and over
- Loading Shovels

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 October 2023

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Introduction and Background

Defra Group Fleet Services (DGFS) are responsible for ensuring that the Defra Group operate the safest, greenest, most cost-effective fleet assets and for procuring all fleet assets & ensuring that they meet our safety and environmental criteria.

DGFS purchase a range of commercial vehicles and plant (excavators; telehandlers; trailers and pumps, along with agricultural and specialist equipment such as winches; mowers; tractors; and other ancillary equipment).

This National Plant Hire Framework will supplement DGFS' current fleet of plant and agricultural assets in several ways, including:

- Providing resilience during season peaks in demand
- Assist operational teams meet specific ongoing or one-off needs
- Provide specialist incident response equipment
- Provide flexibility to DGFS when there are fluctuations within our plant fleet

Incident Response

As a category one responder, DGFS and Defra organisations respond to major incidents across the national, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days of the year. DGFS expect the managing agent to be the point of contact, and all suppliers within this framework must provide a 24/7 call out service and provide access to incident response assets.

General

DGFS have the ambition to reduce total emissions by 30% by 2025. To achieve this target, DGFS will need to work in collaboration with the market; strengthen our supplier relationships; work collaboratively to achieve our targets; and be at the forefront of technological advances. Suppliers on the National Plant Hire Framework will need to adopt emerging technologies into their operations and hire provisions, ensuring they are both aware of advances in alternative fuelled equipment and are able to supply such technology and sustainable assets to Defra organisations.

By the very nature of who we are, sustainability is at the core of our operations and supply

chain. It is therefore expected that framework suppliers will share these ambitions in becoming both carbon net zero and carbon neutral internally and across the supply chain. As such, we expect to utilise innovative solutions more frequently, be that for hires themselves, or other supporting services.

To register your interest in the Supplier Engagement Session please email Pippa.hicks@defra.gov.uk with a list of participants from your company & email address by Wednesday 31st May 2023. The intention is to host this virtually and there will be a sildo alongside to ask any questions anonymously throughout the session of which the answers will be made publicly available to anyone of interest & will be posted alongside the tender documents for transparency. For the one to one supplier sessions for Lot 1 (managing agent), please email Pippa.hicks@defra.gov.uk for available 45 minute slots by 17:00 BST on the 5th June 2023.