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## **Radiocarbon Dating: Historic England Collaborative Research Programme Framework Agreement**

HISTORIC ENGLAND LIMITED

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Charity Commission (England and Wales)**

Historic England Procurement

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.historicengland.org.uk](http://www.historicengland.org.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/historicengland.aspx/ProjectManage/176>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/historicengland.aspx/ProjectManage/176>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Heritage, Historic Buildings, Historic Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Radiocarbon Dating: Historic England Collaborative Research Programme Framework Agreement

Reference number

P/REF 00000176

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

- 71351914 - Archaeological services

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

Services

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

Historic England is calling for proposals from radiocarbon dating laboratories that are interested in collaborating on Historic England's diverse programme of research. This is focused on a wide range of archaeological sites and historic buildings (including those in the care of English Heritage), which forms an ideal testbed for the development of new techniques and their transfer into routine practice in the Historic Environment sector beyond academia.

The objectives of the research project are to develop methods, and undertake exemplary case studies, using high-precision radiocarbon dating by Accelerator Mass Spectrometry. The provision of accurate and precise chronologies for archaeological sites and historic buildings, will help inform their protection, conservation, significance and further appreciation of the Historic Environment in England.

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

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 71351914 - Archaeological services
- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 July 2023

End date

31 August 2027

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

2 June 2023

Local time

5:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

3 June 2023

Local time

5:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

Historic England

Swindon

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Country

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