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## **Workplace and FM24 - Market Sounding**

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

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

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**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**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

Workplace and FM24 - Market Sounding

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79993000 - Building and facilities management services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of the market sounding is to determine the market's interest in the delivery of Workplace and Facilities Management for the Defra group from 2024. This includes the market's interest in the commercial contractual commitment with Defra and explore the benefits of different commercial approaches to delivery. Defra are keen to undertake early engagement with the market to understand the available skills, market capacity and capability, any barriers to entry and market concentration. Defra are also keen to drive collaboration and joint working with the market.

The questionnaire in the prospectus (available on request from [becca.simmins@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:becca.simmins@environment-agency.gov.uk)) is designed to inform how Defra can best meet its objectives and how we best engage with the market. By seeking supply chain information this will support Defra's decision making on the optimum operating model as part of our business case.

This is the first part of a series of market engagement sessions that Defra will undertake as we progress through the project.

This market engagement will give you the chance to provide feedback on our current plans. It will also give you the opportunity to tell us about any alternative approaches or innovative ideas, to successfully manage the project delivery more efficiently and generate significant savings.

The questions primarily focus on:

- Proposed Delivery Models

- Commercial principles and models to support the Outline Business Case
- Market and supply chain constraints we need to consider

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 79993000 - Building and facilities management services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

To be determined

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

28 January 2022

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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

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

Organisations may register interest in this Market Sounding exercise via the following email address:

[becca.simmins@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:becca.simmins@environment-agency.gov.uk)

We envisage the following time-scales:

Market Sounding Questionnaire will be available - 21 June 2021

Questionnaire return deadline - 9th July 2021

To clarify our understanding of any points raised following review of the returned questionnaires, Defra reserve the right to invite a limited number of respondents to participate in 1-to-1 discussions.

The results of the Market Sounding exercise (including any 1-to-1 discussions) may be used to shape and refine Defra's proposition before any formal procurement commences. It should be noted that any information provided on our current thinking should be considered formative in nature and no decision on the future solution, funding or commercial approach has yet been agreed.

All participants in the Market Sounding.

exercise will do so at their own cost.