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## **tNCEA Underground Utilities Searches 23/24**

NATURAL ENGLAND (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

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Call for competition

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03ce06

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

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

NATURAL ENGLAND (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

17 Nobel House

London

SW1P 3JR

#### **Contact**

Bailey Brundell

#### **Email**

[bailey.brundell@defra.gov.uk](mailto:bailey.brundell@defra.gov.uk)

#### **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**

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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**

tNCEA Underground Utilities Searches 23/24

Reference number

C17233

#### **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**

The intent of this notice is to notify industry an open competition for 'tNCEA Underground Utilities Searches'. The competition shall commence 18th May 2023 and shall close 19th July 2023.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The Natural Capital & Ecosystem Assessment (NCEA) programme is a transformative programme to understand the extent, condition and change over time of environmental assets across England's land and water environments, supporting the government's ambition to improve the environment within a generation.

One component of NCEA is the England Ecosystem Survey (EES) which aims to assess the current state of vegetation, habitats, landscapes, and soils in England and to monitor

long-term changes. Utilities searches will be required to ensure safety of all surveyors and protection of underground assets on each EES monad when carrying out soil surveys. The supplier shall carry out desktop utility record searches for underground and overhead utilities for up to 1,760 sites, c. 4.3ha each. Utilities searches to include, but not be limited to, oil and gas, water, sewer, electric, BT, virgin media, other cable and fibre, and independent utilities. Desk-based to be presented as reports with accompanying composite pdf drawings (one drawing with all utilities per site), and an ESRI shapefile of digitised utilities within the site.

Additionally, the contractor will be expected to project manage the delivery of the desk-based studies, ensuring milestones and timescales are achieved.

#### **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

17 July 2023

End date

30 November 2023

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Restricted procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest**

Date

19 June 2023

Local time

5:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures**

17 July 2023

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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