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Planning

CP2221-22 Future Farming Resilience Scale Up Phase 2022

Devon County Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

<http://www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

CP2221-22 Future Farming Resilience Scale Up Phase 2022

Reference number

DN606780

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 Future Farming Resilience programme will cover the Great South West Geographical area of Devon, Somerset, Dorset and Cornwall. This procurement will seek to contract organisations that can support the delivery of this work across the geographical area. It is anticipated that multiple providers will be procured to deliver this activity and they will be overseen by the lead delivery contractor (who will be appointed through a separate procurement via direct award from the business support framework).

This opportunity is subject to funding from Defra (award notification due July). The application for funding has now been submitted to Defra.

DCC have previously delivered the initial and interim phases of the programme, this is the scale up phase that will provide resilience support to farmers and land managers to help them prepare for, and adjust to, the Agricultural Transition by addressing the opportunities it presents and the impacts it could have. The project will also monitor the impact and value for money of this resilience support.

Support provided will include a mixture of initial and specialist workshop sessions (at times and locations convenient for farmers to attend) and 1-2-1 advisor meetings - both virtually and face to face, which is the preferred option for farm businesses. The amount and depth of support will be tailored to each participant through this scheme, with careful consideration given to ensure that specialist skills and relevant local knowledge is utilised through the delivery partners as effectively as possible.

Workshops will address changes due to Agricultural Transition, informing farmers and landowners about the latest agricultural bill announcements, timeframes, what this will affect and where farmers can find guidance and advice on how to prepare. Workshops will explore the impact of a reducing BPS on the current profitability of farms located in the Great South West with discussions to examine change within the business that would help mitigate the reductions.

Following the workshops, 1:1 individual business support will be offered to attendees who want to explore further the detail of how the changes will affect their business. A detailed business analysis tool will be used and calculation of the reductions in BPS over the 2021-2027 period and the impact on business profitability over the period. This will then determine the support needed for the farm in examining the options open to them as the changes affect their business. An action plan for the business will be drawn up. Farms supported will have the option to take up between 1 and 3.5 days of intensive one to one support and information sharing dependant on need identified through their plan.

Participants in the project will also be offered additional specialised workshops on areas relevant to their situations:

- Exiting the industry and farm / family succession planning
- Diversification into other business areas
- Adding Value to Food and Drink such as processing primary produce
- Productivity actions
- Environmental Schemes – Mid Tier, The Wildlife Offers, Sustainable Farming Incentive, Local Nature Recovery and Landscape Recovery
- Business Planning and Cashflows

Devon County Council invite you to a market engagement event, for CP2221-22 Future Farming Resilience Scale Up Phase 2022, tender opportunity. This event is an opportunity for commissioners and potential providers to come together, to discuss the new tender. Commissioners will share some of their aims and objectives for the service and would appreciate feedback and comments from the market.

DCC will be hosting a webinar from 1100-1200 on Thursday 23rd June 2021. If you would like to attend, please email scarlett.buck@devon.gov.uk, for a meeting invite.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,095,478

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK2 - Dorset and Somerset
- UKK3 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly
- UKK4 - Devon

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Service contract for the expansion of the The Future Farming Resilience programme.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

25 July 2022

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