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Planning

National Co-ordinator & Delivery Lead for a Badger Vaccination Field Force

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Defra's requirement is for one (or more) organisation(s) to co-ordinate and deliver badger Vaccination Services within defined 'Project Areas' with high levels of bovine tuberculosis (bTB) in the High Risk and Edge areas of England. The Contractor(s) responsibilities will include: - Contracting and managing Delivery Partners (local organisations and individuals) to deliver vaccination services at scale; - Collection and collation of datasets from the delivery of the vaccination services and reporting them to the Authority; - Contract management and co-ordination of the Services. Local stakeholder relationships (with farmers, landowners, local industry, etc.) are essential to the success of delivering these services. The successful Contractor(s) would need to develop and maintain a robust network of relevant stakeholders to ensure the requirements are delivered effectively and on time.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 February 2026 to 1 February 2030
- Possible extension to 1 February 2032
- 6 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 77500000 - Animal husbandry services
- 79421000 - Project-management services other than for construction work

Engagement

Engagement deadline

13 May 2025

Engagement process description

As part of the Government's Bovine TB Strategy, pre-procurement activity has started on Defra's requirement for one (or more) organisation(s) to co-ordinate and deliver badger vaccination services within defined 'Project Areas' with high levels of bovine TB in the High Risk and Edge areas of England. Further information (in the form of a slide pack) is available from Melanie Swain (Defra Group Commercial) (melanie.swain@defra.gov.uk),

along with a set of questions for potential suppliers. Responses to the slide pack and questions will help inform the Procurement Strategy and Bidder Pack. Defra reserves the right to follow up with suppliers on a 1:1 basis to further understand their capabilities with regard to this requirement (with publication of any new information that arises).

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

29 August 2025

Contracting authority

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