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Tender

## **ID 3664408 DAERA - AFBI - CHARTER OF FISHING VESSELS**

Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-02cb3b

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

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

Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute

18a Newforge Ln

BELFAST

BT9 5PX

#### **Email**

[ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:ssdadmin.cpd@finance-ni.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

### **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

### **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

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Reference number

3664408

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 60651100 - Hire of sea-going vessels with crew

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

AFBI is seeking to commission a number of fishing vessels; Two prawn trawlers below 12 m, Prawn trawler above 12 m (with a second required on occasion), A semi-pelagic vessel (space to accommodate up to two scientists), A semi-pelagic vessel (space to accommodate up to three scientists) and One pelagic vessel, The commission must include all management, crew, victuals, and other services necessary to fish in the manners defined below, for a potential period of 3 years. The vessels will receive any work that will have to be commissioned by AFBI during the gear trials and upcoming trials, commercial herring survey and charters involving a semi-pelagic fleet other than the FSP survey (e.g. cod tagging, other up-coming trials) Fishing/surveys will be undertaken within the western Irish Sea (ICES Area 6a and 7a, dependent on individual trial/survey). Tenderers should refer to the specification schedule for more information.

**II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £494,000

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots  
5

**II.2) Description****II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1

Lot No

1

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

- 34513000 - Fishing, emergency and other special vessels
- 34513100 - Fishing vessels
- 60651100 - Hire of sea-going vessels with crew
- 63726700 - Fishing-vessel services
- 60651000 - Hire of vessels with crew

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

AFBI is seeking to commission a number of fishing vessels; Two prawn trawlers below 12 m, Prawn trawler above 12 m (with a second required on occasion), A semi-pelagic vessel (space to accommodate up to two scientists), A semi-pelagic vessel (space to accommodate up to three scientists) and One pelagic vessel, The commission must include all management, crew, victuals, and other services necessary to fish in the manners defined below, for a potential period of 3 years. The vessels will receive any work that will have to be commissioned by AFBI during the gear trials and upcoming trials, commercial herring survey and charters involving a semi-pelagic fleet other than the FSP survey (e.g. cod tagging, other up-coming trials) Fishing/surveys will be undertaken within the western Irish Sea (ICES Area 6a and 7a, dependent on individual trial/survey). Tenderers should refer to the specification schedule for more information.

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

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

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £108,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

AFBI may, no later than six Months prior to the Initial Contract Period Expiry Date, give notice in writing to the Contractor to invite the Contractor to agree to extend the Contract for any period up to and including 12 Months. Thereafter, the Parties may agree in writing to extend the Contract for 1 further period of up to and including 12 Months beyond the end of the First Extension Period.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

After the initial contract period, there are 2 options to extend for 1 year each. Provisional timetable for recourse to the options: 12 months from the award of the contract.

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

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The Contract value above is an estimate based on the current level of funding available. Extra funding for additional charters may be secured during the lifetime of the contract.

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2

Lot No

2

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

- 34513000 - Fishing, emergency and other special vessels
- 34513100 - Fishing vessels
- 60651100 - Hire of sea-going vessels with crew
- 63726700 - Fishing-vessel services
- 60651000 - Hire of vessels with crew

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

AFBI is seeking to commission a number of fishing vessels; Two prawn trawlers below 12 m, Prawn trawler above 12 m (with a second required on occasion), A semi-pelagic vessel (space to accommodate up to two scientists), A semi-pelagic vessel (space to accommodate up to three scientists) and One pelagic vessel, The commission must include all management, crew, victuals, and other services necessary to fish in the manners defined below, for a potential period of 3 years. The vessels will receive any work that will have to be commissioned by AFBI during the gear trials and upcoming trials, commercial herring survey and charters involving a semi-pelagic fleet other than the FSP survey (e.g. cod tagging, other up-coming trials) Fishing/surveys will be undertaken within the western Irish Sea (ICES Area 6a and 7a, dependent on individual trial/survey). Tenderers should refer to the specification schedule for more information.

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

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

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £80,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

AFBI may, no later than six Months prior to the Initial Contract Period Expiry Date, give notice in writing to the Contractor to invite the Contractor to agree to extend the Contract for any period up to and including 12 Months. Thereafter, the Parties may agree in writing to extend the Contract for 1 further period of up to and including 12 Months beyond the end of the First Extension Period.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

After the initial contract period, there are 2 options to extend for 1 year each. Provisional timetable for recourse to the options: 12 months from the award of the contract.

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

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The Contract value above is an estimate based on the current level of funding available. Extra funding for additional charters may be secured during the lifetime of the contract.

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3a

Lot No

3

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

- 34513000 - Fishing, emergency and other special vessels
- 34513100 - Fishing vessels
- 60651100 - Hire of sea-going vessels with crew
- 63726700 - Fishing-vessel services
- 60651000 - Hire of vessels with crew

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

AFBI is seeking to commission a number of fishing vessels; Two prawn trawlers below 12 m, Prawn trawler above 12 m (with a second required on occasion), A semi-pelagic vessel (space to accommodate up to two scientists), A semi-pelagic vessel (space to accommodate up to three scientists) and One pelagic vessel, The commission must include all management, crew, victuals, and other services necessary to fish in the manners defined below, for a potential period of 3 years. The vessels will receive any work that will have to be commissioned by AFBI during the gear trials and upcoming trials, commercial herring survey and charters involving a semi-pelagic fleet other than the FSP survey (e.g. cod tagging, other up-coming trials) Fishing/surveys will be undertaken within the western Irish Sea (ICES Area 6a and 7a, dependent on individual trial/survey). Tenderers should refer to the specification schedule for more information.

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

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

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £108,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal



Yes

Description of renewals

AFBI may, no later than six Months prior to the Initial Contract Period Expiry Date, give notice in writing to the Contractor to invite the Contractor to agree to extend the Contract for any period up to and including 12 Months. Thereafter, the Parties may agree in writing to extend the Contract for 1 further period of up to and including 12 Months beyond the end of the First Extension Period.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

After the initial contract period, there are 2 options to extend for 1 year each. Provisional timetable for recourse to the options: 12 months from the award of the contract.

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

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The Contract value above is an estimate based on the current level of funding available. Extra funding for additional charters may be secured during the lifetime of the contract.

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3b

Lot No

4

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

- 34513000 - Fishing, emergency and other special vessels
- 34513100 - Fishing vessels
- 60651100 - Hire of sea-going vessels with crew
- 63726700 - Fishing-vessel services
- 60651000 - Hire of vessels with crew

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

AFBI is seeking to commission a number of fishing vessels; Two prawn trawlers below 12 m, Prawn trawler above 12 m (with a second required on occasion), A semi-pelagic vessel (space to accommodate up to two scientists), A semi-pelagic vessel (space to accommodate up to three scientists) and One pelagic vessel, The commission must include all management, crew, victuals, and other services necessary to fish in the manners defined below, for a potential period of 3 years. The vessels will receive any work that will have to be commissioned by AFBI during the gear trials and upcoming trials, commercial herring survey and charters involving a semi-pelagic fleet other than the FSP survey (e.g. cod tagging, other up-coming trials) Fishing/surveys will be undertaken within the western Irish Sea (ICES Area 6a and 7a, dependent on individual trial/survey). Tenderers should refer to the specification schedule for more information.

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

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

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £118,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

After the initial contract period, there are 2 options to extend for 1 year each. Provisional timetable for recourse to the options: 12 months from the award of the contract.

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

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The Contract value above is an estimate based on the current level of funding available. Extra funding for additional charters may be secured during the lifetime of the contract.

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 4

Lot No

5

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

- 34513000 - Fishing, emergency and other special vessels
- 34513100 - Fishing vessels
- 60651100 - Hire of sea-going vessels with crew
- 63726700 - Fishing-vessel services
- 60651000 - Hire of vessels with crew

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

AFBI is seeking to commission a number of fishing vessels; Two prawn trawlers below 12 m, Prawn trawler above 12 m (with a second required on occasion), A semi-pelagic vessel (space to accommodate up to two scientists), A semi-pelagic vessel (space to accommodate up to three scientists) and One pelagic vessel, The commission must include all management, crew, victuals, and other services necessary to fish in the manners defined below, for a potential period of 3 years. The vessels will receive any work that will have to be commissioned by AFBI during the gear trials and upcoming trials, commercial herring survey and charters involving a semi-pelagic fleet other than the FSP survey (e.g. cod tagging, other up-coming trials) Fishing/surveys will be undertaken within the western Irish Sea (ICES Area 6a and 7a, dependent on individual trial/survey). Tenderers should refer to the specification schedule for more information.

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

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

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £226,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

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

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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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

23 August 2021

Local time

3:00pm

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

English

### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 21 November 2021

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

Date

23 August 2021

Local time

3:30pm

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Only CPD Procurement Staff with access to the project on eTendersNI

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored in line with PGN 01/12. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of twelve months from the date of issue of the certificate.”

. . The Authority expressly reserves the rights:. . (I). not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice;. (II). to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering Competition;. (III). to award (a) contract(s) in respect of any part(s) of the [services] covered by this notice; and. (IV). to award contract(s) in stages.. . and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates..

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

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

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.

