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Tender

## **ID 4763537 DfC- NMNI - Invertebrate Common Standards Monitoring of Areas of Special Scientific Interest**

National Museums Northern Ireland

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-018711

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03ddf2

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

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

National Museums Northern Ireland

153 Bangor Rd

BELFAST

BT18 0QE

#### **Email**

[SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **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 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

ID 4763537 DfC- NMNI - Invertebrate Common Standards Monitoring of Areas of Special Scientific Interest

Reference number

4763537

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90700000 - Environmental services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The National Museums NI (NMNI) is seeking to establish a contract on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) to provide entomological expertise to survey and report on invertebrate features across Northern Ireland's Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) network. The contract is expected to commence in January 2024 (with field survey work expected to commence in April 2024) and will run for an initial period of six years. There are two options to extend for any period up to, and including, twelve months each to allow for contingency.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

### II.2) Description

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

- 90710000 - Environmental management

- 90711000 - Environmental impact assessment other than for construction
- 90711200 - Environmental standards other than for construction
- 90711300 - Environmental indicators analysis other than for construction
- 90711400 - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) services other than for construction
- 90711500 - Environmental monitoring other than for construction
- 90712400 - Natural resources management or conservation strategy planning services
- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services
- 90714000 - Environmental auditing

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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### **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: £600,000

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

There are two options to extend for any period up to, and including, twelve months each.

#### **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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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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

7 August 2023

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: 5 November 2023

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

Date

7 August 2023

Local time

3:30pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

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

The figure indicated in Section II 1.5 represents an estimated contract value. This value reflects the potential scale of the contract,... however, neither CPD nor the Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract. The Contracting... Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Economic Operators remain responsible for all costs and expenses... incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from the Economic Operator in connection with taking part in this... procurement process regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any amendments made to the... procurement documents by the Contracting Authority at any time. No legally binding contract shall arise (and an Economic Operator... shall. have no legitimate expectation that a contract will be entered into) until such time as entry into the Contract has been confirmed... by the. Contracting Authority. Economic Operators should note that all dates, time periods and figures in relation to values and volumes... specified. in this notice and the procurement documents are approximate only and the Contracting Authority reserves the right to.. change. any or. all of them. The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. 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 Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be. terminated.. The. issue of a. Notice 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 Notice...

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

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

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland, Royal Courts of Justice

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The Contracting Authority will comply with the requirements of the Public... Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and, where applicable, will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the. point information on the award of the contract is communicated to all Economic Operators..