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Tender

Incident Air Monitoring Services Contract

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://defra.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://defra.bravosolution.co.uk>

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Incident Air Monitoring Services Contract

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90731000 - Services related to air pollution

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Air Quality Cell (AQC) service was formed in 2009 to implement recommendation 21 of the Buncefield Inquiry following the major explosion and fire at a fuel depot there in December 2005.

The primary element of the AQC service is the Air Quality Cell (AQC) which is a virtual team of technical experts who can rapidly convene to assess the public health and environmental risks posed by emissions from large scale explosions, fires or chemical releases. The core members of the AQC are the Environment Agency (EA), Public Health England (PHE), the Meteorological Office (MO), the Food Standards Agency (FSA) and the Local Authority in whose area the major incident has arisen.

To inform their assessment of the public health and environmental risks posed by emissions from a relevant major incident, the AQC may require air quality data and samples to be obtained on a 24/7/365 response basis. On behalf of Defra the EA is responsible for the provision and maintenance of the required monitoring and sampling capability.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,200,000

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 objective of this tendering process is to secure the provision of a 24/7/365 response air quality monitoring and sampling service to support AQC's when convened.

In overview we require the contractor to deliver an air quality monitoring and sampling service characterised by the following:

- be based at 4 locations in England providing coverage of England within specified response times
- be capable of deploying from each of the 4 base locations on a 24/7/365 basis
- have a critical mass of staff who are suitably trained and available to enable a team of two staff to respond from each base location on a 24/7/365 basis
- be capable of transporting, deploying and operating a suite of portable monitoring and sampling equipment from each of the 4 base locations
- be capable of transporting, deploying and operating a trailer-based mobile laboratory from 2 of the 4 base locations (to be towed to the deployment location by the vehicle carrying the portable equipment from the relevant base locations).

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: £1,200,000

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

Start date

1 December 2021

End date

31 March 2026

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: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

4 years and 4 months required to ensure a handover if required.

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 tenders or requests to participate

Date

1 October 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

1 October 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 4 years

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Environment Agency

Manley House

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Country

United Kingdom