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Tender

## **ID 5265951 DAERA - Portal Imports and Controls - Provision of Search Dog for Detection of Illegal Products at Airports**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-047265

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

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

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

303 Airport Road West

BELFAST

BT3 9ED

#### **Email**

[StrategicDelivery.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:StrategicDelivery.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 5265951 DAERA - Portal Imports and Controls - Provision of Search Dog for Detection of Illegal Products at Airports

Reference number

5265951

### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80512000 - Dog training services

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has a requirement for a Supplier to provide a detector dog and handler, on a full-time basis to assist Veterinary Service, a specific business area within DAERA, in the targeting of products of animal and plant origin at Northern Ireland (NI) airports and ports and parcel handling locations.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £728,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 80512000 - Dog training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has a requirement for a Supplier to provide a detector dog and handler, on a full-time basis to assist Veterinary Service, a specific business area within DAERA, in the targeting of products of animal and plant origin at Northern Ireland (NI) airports and ports and parcel

handling locations.

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

Value excluding VAT: £728,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract or the framework agreement**

Duration in months

60

#### **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 figure indicated in Section II 1.5 represents an estimated contract value. This value reflects.. the potential scale of the contract and takes into account potential optional extension periods and the uptake of potential optional.. services as detailed in the tender documents. This figure does not however take into account the application of indexation.. 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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Form of procedure**

Open procedure

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

29 July 2024

Local time

3:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored in line with the tender documentation. 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 can 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. three years from the date of issue. The Authority expressly reserves the rights; not to award any contract as a. result of the procurement. process commenced by publication of this notice; to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and. structure of the

tendering. Competition; to award (a) contract(s) in respect of any part(s) of the services covered by this notice; and 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

For light touch contracts, the standstill period is not mandatory, however the Department reserves the right to apply a voluntary one. If a standstill period is observed, it should be at least ten days.