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## **UK Hydrocarbons Monitoring Network 2024**

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

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

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

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

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London

SW1P 4DF

#### **Contact**

DGCEnquiries@defra.gov.uk

#### **Email**

[dgcenquiries@defra.gov.uk](mailto:dgcenquiries@defra.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

UK Hydrocarbons Monitoring Network 2024

Reference number

C24959

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90731100 - Air quality management

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The UK Hydrocarbon Network measures ambient benzene concentrations at various sites around the United Kingdom.

Benzene is monitored to assess compliance with UK Objectives (between 3.25 and 16.25 µgm-3 depending on area and compliance date, expressed as a running annual mean), as well as with the corresponding EC Air Quality Directive Limit Value (5 µgm-3 annual average).

As the Objectives and Limit Values for benzene relate to the annual average concentration, it is not necessary to use a monitoring method with short time resolution. Sampling is therefore undertaken using pumped samplers, located at monitoring stations operated within the Automatic Urban and Rural Network (AURN)

The Environment Agency (EA) on behalf of United Kingdom Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) requires a Supplier to provide the Central Management and Control Unit (CMCU) and the Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) for the UK Hydrocarbon Monitoring Network.

The Monitoring contracts team within Survey, National Monitoring has been managing the UK Hydrocarbons Network contract on behalf of DEFRA since April 2016. This tender is to replace the current contract which has been running for 6 years (1st September 2018 until 31st August 2023) with an additional 1-year extension until August 24.

The networks consist of interdependent elements, split between an automatic and a non-automatic network.

The Hydrocarbon Network Operator is responsible for the management of the network of air pollution monitoring sites throughout the UK for the measurement and assessment of

Benzene and volatile organic compounds at automatic sites. The operator will be responsible for upkeep, collection, analysis QA/QC and transfer of data to contractors who have responsibility for wider dissemination of the data.

The tender is for the full seven-year period which is a five-year contract with the option of extending for a further two years.

The objective is to continue delivery and encompass new monitoring using automatic analysers that can measure additional hydrocarbons to align with changes to the pollution climate of the UK.

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

Value excluding VAT: £0.01

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 90731100 - Air quality management

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

This opportunity is advertised by Defra group Commercial (DgC) on behalf of the Environment Agency (EA).

The Environment Agency work to create better places for people and wildlife and support sustainable development. EA is an executive non-departmental body, sponsored by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. For further information please visit Environment Agency - GOV.UK (Environment Agency - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))).

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The Automatic Hydrocarbon Network is currently made up of four sites (although one is temporarily closed due to the landowner rebuilding the wider site, and theft of equipment), at which the levels of x 29 hydrocarbons (volatile organic compounds) are continuously measured using automatic gas chromatographic (TD-GC-FID) analysers including benzene and 1,3-butadiene.

The UK Non-Automatic Hydrocarbon Network measures ambient benzene concentrations at various sites around the United Kingdom.

The Hydrocarbon Network Operator is responsible for the management of a national network of air pollution monitoring sites throughout the UK for the measurement and assessment of Benzene (as non-automatic sites and automatic sites) as well as volatile organic compounds at automatic sites. The operator will be responsible for upkeep, collection, analysis QA/QC and transfer of automatic and non-automatic data to contractors who have responsibility for wider dissemination of the data.

This procurement helps support the Environment Agency's corporate strategy.

Environment Agency: EA2025 creating a better place - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)) – provides the Environment Agency's commitment to measure healthy air to protect the environment and people. This network measures ozone pre-cursors, an important piece of the monitoring jigsaw where measurements will track measured contributions of Hydrocarbons, which go on to form ground level ozone.

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

Price

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

Value excluding VAT: £0.01

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

Start date

1 October 2024

End date

31 December 2031

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

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

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

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

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If you need technical help with the Atamis system, either when registering, or when completing a tender, please contact the Atamis support team e-mail [Support@Atamis.co.uk](mailto:Support@Atamis.co.uk) or phone Tel: 029 2279 0052.

#### **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

30 July 2024

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**

Duration in months: 5 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

28 June 2024

Local time

6:00pm



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

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

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

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

[publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

[publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

[publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

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