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Planning

Defra Data Services Platform 3 (DSP3)

Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs (Defra)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/5ec6e651-1b9c-475c-abc7-53c246083544>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/5ec6e651-1b9c-475c-abc7-53c246083544>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Defra Data Services Platform 3 (DSP3)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72300000 - Data services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Defra is the UK government department which is responsible for improving and protecting the environment. Defra aims to grow a green economy and sustain thriving rural communities, and also support the UK's world-leading food, farming and fishing industries.

The Data Services Platform ("DSP") makes environmental data, from across Defra Group, available to a wide range of users. The DSP is used to share data openly or with controlled groups of users (e.g. Defra Group supply chain) or where data contains third party rights. The intention of the DSP is to deliver services that will be world-leading in under-pinning environmental improvements. The DSP can be accessed at <https://environment.data.gov.uk>.

The purpose of this notice is for Defra to make known its intention of a planned procurement and to commence the market engagement process (in advance of commencing any formal procurement process) for the third generation of the Data Services Platform (the "DSP3").

Prospective tenderers are requested to read the prospectus on the Contracts Finder microsite

(<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/5ec6e651-1b9c-475c-abc7-53c246083544>), to confirm their attendance at the market engagement event and complete a market engagement questionnaire by following the instructions within the prospectus.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £10,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38221000 - Geographic information systems (GIS or equivalent)
- 48326000 - Mapping software package
- 48326100 - Digital mapping system
- 48600000 - Database and operating software package
- 48610000 - Database systems
- 48611000 - Database software package
- 48612000 - Database-management system
- 48613000 - Electronic data management (EDM)
- 48614000 - Data-acquisition system
- 48984000 - Graphical user interface (GUI) tools
- 64216110 - Electronic data exchange services
- 71222200 - Rural areas mapping services
- 71354100 - Digital mapping services
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72212326 - Mapping software development services
- 72212600 - Database and operating software development services
- 72310000 - Data-processing services
- 72311100 - Data conversion services

- 72312100 - Data preparation services
- 72313000 - Data capture services
- 72314000 - Data collection and collation services
- 72316000 - Data analysis services
- 72317000 - Data storage services
- 72319000 - Data supply services
- 72320000 - Database services
- 72321000 - Added-value database services
- 72322000 - Data management services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The initial set of capabilities required for the DSP3 are outlined in the prospectus and include:

- Data management services (including data integration services, domain registry services, linked data, linked data APIs, metadata catalogue, non-spatial data, rights management, self publishing, spatial data, spatial data APIs, spatial download service, spatial web services, and URL proxy management);
- Digital services (including environment.data.gov.uk and the community forum);
- Applications (including APIs and data acquisition, asset data requirements library, asset

information, bathing water explorer, bathing water signage, bathing water widgets, catchment data explorer, drinking water, ecology and fish data explorer, flood warning widgets, hydrology, public registers online, rainfall demonstrator, Rural Payments Agency land parcels, spatial data visualisation, tide gauge readings, waste carriers brokers and dealers widget, and water quality data archive);

- Service management (including business continuity and disaster recovery, cyber security management, data governance, deployment management, infrastructure and platform management (hosting), ITIL v4 service management practices, knowledge management, performance reporting, product delivery, social value, software development, technical standards compliance, and user-centered services).

The contract management of the DSP is undertaken by the Environment Agency for and on behalf of Defra. As such, any reference to “Defra” shall be deemed to mean Defra or any body authorised to act on their behalf in relation to this service (e.g. Environment Agency, Natural England, Animal and Plant Health Agency, Marine Management Organisation, and Rural Payments Agency) and each Defra group organisation will be a named beneficiary of the services provided under the DSP3 contract.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

11 October 2021

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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