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## **Evaluation of the NCEA Programme (2021-2025)**

Defra Network eTendering Portal

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

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

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#### **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://atamis-9529.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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**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**

Evaluation of the NCEA Programme (2021-2025)

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

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

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

Services

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

The Natural Capital and Ecosystem Assessment (NCEA) is a £140m R&D programme delivered over three years through two separate portfolios, terrestrial (tNCEA) and marine (mNCEA). It is a science, innovation and transformation programme, which spans across land and water environments, set up to collect data on the extent, condition and change over time of England's ecosystems and natural capital, and the benefits to society. Together, these approaches provide a more holistic and joined-up view of our natural environment, enabling us to identify connections, dependencies, and trade-offs between policy ambitions and to make better-informed decisions that truly benefit people and nature. The evaluation contract's objectives are to assess the relevance, effectiveness (including cost-effectiveness), outcomes and sustainability (i.e. integration into business as usual) of the NCEA. The evaluation will go beyond the monitoring of outputs (which will be led by the Programme Management Offices) to identify the mechanisms through which change takes place; and assess the likelihood of long-term effects being sustained through the adoption of a natural capital approach across business areas. It will provide an accountability function for a significant investment of public funds, and capture learning throughout the lifetime of the programme to shape programme delivery.

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

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The overall aim of the evaluation is to assess the relevance, performance (effectiveness and impact), value for money and sustainability of NCEA. The evaluation will go beyond programme delivery to identify the mechanisms of change; and assess the likelihood of long-term effects being sustained.

This evaluation will play a critical role in understanding the early benefits of NCEA, as well as helping to shape and improve delivery of the programme. It will also inform future funding decisions for natural capital and ecosystem assessment work.

## **2.2 Evaluation purpose and use**

The evaluation has two distinct purposes:

- **Accountability:** NCEA is a significant investment of public funds in this Spending Review period (over £140m from 22/34 through to 24/25). This evaluation will provide accountability to HMT for the funds.
- **Learning:** NCEA is designed to be a transformational programme, meaning that it will change the way data is captured, integrated, and communicated. The evaluation will be a learning tool for use during the remaining period of the programme and beyond, as well as generating evidence that may be applicable to other data programmes in Defra or beyond.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 80%

Price - Weighting: 20%

### **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

5 October 2023

End date

31 March 2025

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

12 Month extension option

#### **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 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 August 2023

Local time

10:00am

#### **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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

17 July 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

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