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## **Rural Support Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS)**

Welsh Government

F02: Contract notice

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

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

Welsh Government

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKL - Wales

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://wales.gov>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007)

**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

<http://www.etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://www.etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Rural Support Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS)

Reference number

F119/2023/2024

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

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

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

Services

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

##### 7. Short description of requirement

The client requires a compliant DPS Framework to deliver a wide variety of Rural Support services and engage with suppliers in an evolving sector. To support the priorities the most suitable solution is the creation of the Rural Support Dynamic Purchasing System. The DPS will be accessible for 4 years with supplier applications being accepted throughout its duration. It is expected that the DPS will be established around the end of September 2024, and call-off contracts will begin via mini-competition shortly after.

Acknowledging the breadth of work that the Welsh Government procures from the rural sector, 3 categories have been identified to meet our requirements:

Category 1 – Rural Support Programme and Project Support Services (including grant support services)

Category 2 – Rural Support Advice and Technical Services

Category 3 – Rural Support Engagement Services

Specialist areas where these support services may be required include, but are not limited to:

- Rural Communities

- Agricultural production
- Sustainable land management
- Nutrient management and soils
- Carbon Assessment
- Agricultural diversification
- Woodland and forestry
- Horticulture production
- Animal health and welfare
- Food and rural supply chains
- Innovation and technology
- Natural resources added value supply chains
- Rural infrastructure and services
- Waste management
- Resource efficiency and circular economy
- Disease control measures and surveillance
- ICT development and support

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

Value excluding VAT: £400,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

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

### **II.2.1) Title**

Category 3 – Rural Support Engagement Services

Lot No

3

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

- 71356000 - Technical services
- 79300000 - Market and economic research; polling and statistics
- 79952000 - Event services
- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

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

Suppliers for this broader category will provide comprehensive engagement services for the rural sector, with emphasis on rural communities, farmers and sustainable land management. The Welsh Government aims to facilitate effective communication and engagement, based on development, knowledge dissemination and implementation of rural support policies and initiatives.

This category involves engagement with farmers and wider rural communities to understand and address their unique needs, as well as provide services to assist in the delivery of crucial information to industry and stakeholders.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

48

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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Category 1 – Rural Support Programme and Project Support Services (including grant support services)

Lot No

1

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

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

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

Suppliers for this category will provide comprehensive programme and project focused services, particularly in rural sector advancements and Rural Affairs policy priorities. The Welsh Government aims to foster significant improvements in agricultural, infrastructural, economic, and community aspects of rural areas through targeted large-scale programmes, smaller scale projects, schemes, and grant funding initiatives.

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

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

Duration in months

48

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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Category 2 – Rural Support Advice and Technical Services

Lot No

2

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

- 71356000 - Technical services
- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 45262640 - Environmental improvement works

- 73110000 - Research services
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 79315000 - Social research services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services
- 79412000 - Financial management consultancy services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 98100000 - Membership organisation services
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

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

Suppliers for this category will play a crucial role in the analysis and development of policies that cater to the evolving needs of the rural sector. This includes understanding current policies, proposing new or amended policies, and ensuring these are economically viable, sustainable, and socially inclusive.

The Welsh Government also regularly requires technical and specialist services to fulfil several of its rural support obligations. Suppliers for this category will support through surveys, assessments, testing, investigations, and impact assessments. Other potential areas of focus are policy analysis, spatial analysis, reviews of evidence, feasibility studies, testing new approaches, technical training, evaluation, development of technical guidance and technical input within established Welsh Government processes.

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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

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### **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

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### **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 several operators

**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

9 August 2024

Local time

2:00pm

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

English, Welsh

**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

12 August 2024

Local time

9:00am

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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 ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

-ETender Information:

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

- The first person from your Organisation to use the Platform will be required to register on behalf of the Organisation.

- Registration involves accepting a User Agreement, and providing basic information about your Organisation and about the User

performing the Registration.

- The User who performs the Registration becomes the Super User for the Organisation.

- On registering on the Platform the Super User will select a Username and will receive a password.

- The Password will be sent by e-mail to the email address that was specified in the User Details section of the Registration page.

- In order to log-in to the Platform please enter your Username and Password.

- Note: If you forget your Password then visit the homepage and click "Forgot your password?"

- Registration should only be performed once for each Organisation.

- If you think that someone in your Organisation may have already registered on this Platform then you must not register again.
- Please contact the person who Registered (i.e. the Super User) in order to arrange access to the Platform.
- Contact the Helpdesk immediately if you are unable to contact the Super User (for example if they have left your Organisation).
- Note: If your Organisation is already registered on the Platform then you must not make any additional registration. Please contact the

Helpdesk to gain access to the Platform.

- Tenders must be uploaded to the BravoSolution portal by 2pm

How To Find The ITT:

- Once logged in you must click on 'ITT's Open to all Suppliers'
- The e-tender references for this contract are: project\_55959, itt\_109460.
- Click on the title to access summary details of the contract. If you are still interested in submitting a tender, click the 'Express an Interest

button'. This will move the ITT from the 'Open to all Suppliers' area to the 'My ITT's' on the home page.

- You will then see the full details of the ITT in the qualification and technical envelopes along with any relevant documents in the

'Attachments' area.

- Should you have any questions on the ITT, please use the 'Messages' area to contact the buyer directly – Please do not contact the named

person at the top of this notice.

NOTE: The authority is using eTenderwales to carry out this procurement process. To obtain further information record your interest on

Sell2Wales at [https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search\\_switch.aspx?ID=126869](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search_switch.aspx?ID=126869)

Under the terms of this contract the successful supplier(s) will be required to deliver

Community Benefits in support of the authority's

economic and social objectives. Accordingly, contract performance conditions may relate in particular to social and environmental

considerations. The Community Benefits included in this contract are:

Non-core Community Benefits will be requested at the call-off competition stage.

(WA Ref:126869)

The buyer considers that this contract is suitable for consortia

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[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search\\_switch.aspx?ID=142675](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search_switch.aspx?ID=142675)

(WA Ref:142675)

The buyer considers that this contract is suitable for consortia.

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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