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Planning

Project 36206 - TSE Rapid Testing Services

Defra Network eTendering Portal

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Project 36206 - TSE Rapid Testing Services

Reference number

36206

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This requirement is for the provision of Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) Rapid Testing of fallen stock cattle, sheep and goats and healthy slaughter sheep and goats on behalf of the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £8,800,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

The Services will be performed from the successful Tenderer's laboratory and there are no on farm 'live' test facilities available.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The purpose of the Services is to enable the APHA to meet its requirement to provide TSE Rapid Testing in line with Chapter C, Annex X of Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) No 1148/2014, which still applies since the UK's exit from the EU.

Tenderers will be required to hold test accreditation in accordance with international standard EN ISO/IEC 17025 and commit to add TSE Rapid Testing to their current scope prior to commencement of the contract. Proof of accreditation will be required prior to commencement of the Services and it will be a requirement for TSE Test accreditation (in accordance with international standard EN ISO/IEC 17025) to be maintained throughout the life of the contract.

The Authority is seeking to appoint a contractor to provide TSE Rapid Testing Services for a five (5) year period (three (3) year initial term with allowable extension of up to twenty-four (24) months).

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

23 September 2022

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

The purpose of this PIN is to notify the market of a possible opportunity and to invite interested parties to join a supplier engagement event at 10.00am on Thursday 25th August 2022. This will provide an opportunity for potential suppliers to learn more about the requirements. If you are interested in joining the MS Teams event, please register your interest by emailing melanie.swain@defra.gov.uk

The intention is to publish a Bidder Pack in September 2022.