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## **Innovation Support Service for Defra Farming Innovation Programme on-farm trials**

UK Research & Innovation

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

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

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**Region code**

UKK14 - Swindon

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.ukri.org>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Research and innovation

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Innovation Support Service for Defra Farming Innovation Programme on-farm trials

Reference number

UKRI-3131

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
  - FG17 - For use in agriculture

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

To implement and operate a farmer-focused, expert support service, that will assist farmers, growers and foresters in England to understand the grant system and apply for funding under Fund 3 of the Defra Farming Innovation Programme. Fund 3 grants focus on farmer-led, on-farm trials and demonstration of new technology systems and approaches. The support service will need to be in place by 2024 and is expected to operate for a period of around 4 to 5 years.

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

### II.2) Description

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

- 71313000 - Environmental engineering consultancy services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK14 - Swindon

Main site or place of performance

Swindon

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

The innovation support service core functions include: •Provide a positive first point of contact experience for farmers, growers and foresters interested in the Fund 3 programme. Ensure that applicants are provided with comprehensive advice regarding Fund 3 competitions or signposting to other services if more relevant to their enquiry. •Develop standards for, and maintain, a registry of consultants / 'innovation managers' who will be able to assist farmers, growers and forester to develop their ideas into robust on-farm trials and help them complete Fund 3 grant applications. •Maximise the impact of the projects by creating accessible documents/videos summarising the latest best practice advice and guidance on how to structure and manage on-farm trials, manage peer to peer knowledge exchange and other relevant topics. •Support evaluation and analysis of on-farm trial results into appropriate formats that can be shared with the wider agricultural community. Collate specific performance metrics to share with UKRI Innovate UK and Defra.

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

10 October 2023

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### **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

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

If you would like to express an interest in relation to this requirement, please send an email with the title “UKRI-3131 IUK Defra Innovation Support Services – Expression of Interest” to [corporateprocurement@ukri.org](mailto:corporateprocurement@ukri.org). Please include your company name and contact details in this email. There will be a Supplier Event in relation to this requirement on Tuesday 05th September 2023 to present the aims of the project and the procurement process. It will also give suppliers a chance to ask any questions. The event will take place via Zoom from 10am until 11:30am. If you wish to attend the Supplier Event, please register here [https://ukri.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_f0QGwD7mReyyP1nDd2umew](https://ukri.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_f0QGwD7mReyyP1nDd2umew)

Please register no later than 11.30am on Friday 1st September 2023.

Details on how to join the event will be sent to you via email following registration.

Please note, all suppliers that express an interest in this requirement will receive all the information that is shared at the Supplier Event, even if they cannot attend.

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