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Planning

E.L.M Payments Development (Lot-1) and Payments Verification (Lot-2) Prior Information Notice

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Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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

E.L.M Payments Development (Lot-1) and Payments Verification (Lot-2) Prior Information Notice

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Defra's E.L.M. programme requires the provision of two separate flexible contracts with suppliers with the agricultural and ecological expertise required for 1. developing payment rates and 2. the independent verification of the calculated rates.

The tender seeks to establish 2 separate call-off contracts for Lot-1 (consisting of sub lot-1A and Lot-1B) of the tender and Lot-2 of the tender.

It is expected that Lot 1A and 1B will be delivered by a single supplier, while Lot 2 will be delivered by a separate independent supplier to Lot 1A and 1B to maintain objectivity of the verification.

The contracts would initially be for a fixed 2 years, followed by the possibility of two 1-year extension up to a maximum of 4 years in total.

Further high level details of the lots are as follows:

LOT-1: Payments Data, Calculations and bespoke ad hoc research

- Lot-1A) Technical support for the calculation of E.L.M. payment rates
 - The production of new building blocks that are needed for E.L.M actions, with clear sources of data and assumptions. Primarily this will be national averages, but some local/bespoke building blocks will be required (see Annex 1 for worked examples).
 - Generate assumptions, in collaboration with DEFRA specialists, needed for payment

calculations on how an E.L.M action affects a particular farming system.

- Construct payment calculations, using the above information, in our payments calculator and ensure our model can be scaled up in size for new payment calculations.

• Lot-1B) Provide support to E.L.M. payment policy development through bespoke research projects, as specified and agreed between E.L.M. and the supplier(s) throughout the contract.

LOT-2: Verification of Payments Data calculated (by the contractor awarded lot-1A).

An independent consultancy to provide assurance on the data, assumptions and payment calculations produced in lot-1A) to ensure they stand up to scrutiny from the main bodies interested in the technicalities of our payment calculations.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 1

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

E.L.M Payment Rates Development (Lot-1)

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

• 73210000 - Research consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

LOT-1: Payments Data, Calculations and bespoke ad hoc research

Lot-1A) Technical support for the calculation of E.L.M. payment rates

- The production of new building blocks that are needed for E.L.M actions, with clear sources of data and assumptions. Primarily this will be national averages, but some local/bespoke building blocks will be required (see Annex 1 for worked examples).
- Generate assumptions, in collaboration with DEFRA specialists, needed for payment calculations on how an E.L.M action affects a particular farming system.
- Construct payment calculations, using the above information, in our payments calculator and ensure our model can be scaled up in size for new payment calculations.

Lot-1B) Provide support to E.L.M. payment policy development through bespoke research projects, as specified and agreed between E.L.M. and the supplier(s) throughout the contract.

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 2 years + 1 year extension + 1 year extension

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

Lot No

E.L.M Independent Verification of Payment Rates (Lot-2)

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

LOT-2: Verification of Payments Data calculated (by the contractor awarded lot-1A).

An independent consultancy to provide assurance on the data, assumptions and payment calculations produced in lot-1A) to ensure they stand up to scrutiny from the main bodies interested in the technicalities of our payment calculations.

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

Duration in months

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This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial 2 years + 1 year extension + 1 year extension.

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.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 October 2021

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Defra Group Commercial Conditions of Contract, Short Form Enhanced (May 2021)

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

Most Economically Advantageous Tender

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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

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

OPEN PRE_MARKET ENGAGEMENT:

Defra will be holding an open market engagement event for E.L.M Payments Development (Lot-1) and Payments Verification (Lot-2) on Tuesday the 14th of September at 11:05am - 12:05pm.

The meeting link is as follows:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MDEzM2VkYzMtNTk2NC00NGJkLTg1YTQtNWE1OTk2NTYyNjMz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22770a2450-0227-4c62-90c7-4e38537f1102%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22423bde3e-85a5-4b36-a590-2aa9350a5763%22%7d

Kind regards,

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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