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Planning

Monitoring of Radioactivity in Air and Rainwater

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

Monitoring of Radioactivity in Air and Rainwater

Reference number

C20322

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71700000 - Monitoring and control services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Monitoring of Radioactivity in Air and Rainwater

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £640,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a service requirement for a programme of monitoring of radioactivity in airborne particulates, total deposition and rainwater. This monitoring programme was established by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) in the 1950s and has produced one of the World's longest running and most comprehensive data sets on atmospheric concentrations of artificial radionuclides. The programme was formed as part of the UK Government's arrangements for meeting its obligations under Article 35 of the Euratom Treaty to monitor radioactivity in air, soil and water. Since withdrawal from the Euratom Treaty the UK's position is that it will maintain standards of radioactivity monitoring, hence the programme is still required. The programme also provides information to be published in the Radioactivity in Food and the Environment report and provides supplementary data to the UK's Environment Agencies on the exposure of the public to radiation.

Contract Term

This is a 4 year and 6 month service contract with the option to extend twice for 2 years each, taking the total potential contract length to 8 years and 6 months. It covers sampling and analysis for calendar years (2024-2027 in the initial period and potentially to the end of 2031). The additional 6 months covers any handover at the beginning and the analysis and reporting that lags the sampling by 4 months.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

6 November 2023

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