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## **River Thames Scheme Construction Partner - Market Engagement**

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

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

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**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

River Thames Scheme Construction Partner - Market Engagement

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

#### II.1.4) Short description

This notice is only an invitation to express interest to participate in a market engagement exercise for the River Thames Scheme. The Environment Agency and Surrey County Council, through a collaborative partnership, are issuing this PIN for the purpose of seeking organisations that wish to take part in a final round of market engagement prior to commencing the procurement process for the Construction Partner.

This round of market engagement shall provide an update on the procurement programme and the proposed commercial model and shall seek feedback on specific aspects such as tender timescales, contract clauses, incentivisation mechanism and risk allocation in order to finalise our procurement strategy.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £300,000,000

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

### II.2) Description

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

South East, works to be carried out near or on the River Thames between Egham and Teddington

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

The Environment Agency and Surrey County Council are planning to commence a procurement process in September/October 2023 for a Construction Partner for the River Thames Scheme.

The River Thames between Egham and Teddington is the largest area of undefended, developed floodplain in England. In the past, the area has suffered serious floods most recently in the winter of 2013/2014.

The scope of the works includes the detailed design and construction of new flood channel built in 2 channel sections:

First section (Runnymede channel) – Egham Hythe to Chertsey  
Second section (Shepperton channel) – Laleham to Shepperton

Other works include the following areas:

Includes increasing the flow capacity of existing Sunbury, Molesey and Teddington weirs;  
Increasing the capacity near the Desborough Cut;  
Utility diversion works;  
New road and pedestrian bridges to accommodate the new channel sections;  
New permanent compounds for Environment Agency operational use;  
Demolition of residential properties to make way for the Runnymede channel;  
Landscaping works including creation of areas for community use post construction and areas of habitat created to mitigate impacts during construction;  
Earthworks including excavation, material storage, treatment, logistics and disposal of material including landfill waste, topsoil, alluvium and gravels.

In December 2020, the Secretary of State approved a request for the River Thames Scheme to be designated a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). This means that the project team will apply for permission to build it through a Development Consent Order (DCO).

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

29 September 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**

Organisations must register their interest to participate in this market engagement exercise by e-mailing the RTS Commercial team at [RTS\\_Commercial@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:RTS_Commercial@environment-agency.gov.uk) by no later than Weds 16 August 2023, and confirming an e-mail address to which the briefing documents will be sent.