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Pipeline

Rural Payments Service Continuity Project

Defra Group Commercial

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Scope

Title

Rural Payments Service Continuity Project

Reference

P-31712

Description

Defra is responsible for responsible for improving and protecting the environment. We aim to grow a green economy and sustain thriving rural communities. We also support our world-leading food, farming and fishing industries. For further information please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

The Rural Payments Agency (RPA) is an executive agency, sponsored by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs. We pay out over £2 billion each year to support a thriving farming and food sector, supporting agricultural and rural communities to create a better place to live. The Rural Payments service (RPS) is Defra's online registration system for farmers, animal keepers and rural traders and businesses.

At its core is the payments policy and rules engine application ABACO Agri (previously known as SITI Agri). This has been developed over a number of years and delivers > 80% of the large, complex, reoccurring land-based grants/schemes offered by Defra such as Basic Payment Scheme (BPS), Countryside Stewardship (CS), Combined Offer (CO), Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) among others for more than 90,000 farmers.

As part of Defra's digital strategy this application will be replaced with a new solution/service as part of the Farming Countryside Programme (FCP) that is also delivering major policy changes over the next few years.

To provide sufficient time to implement, transition and migrate to a new solution/service, the Authority requires a contract for the support, maintenance and development of schemes/grants on Defra's existing deployment of ABACO Agri for up to 3 years.

Contract type

Services

Main category (CPV code)

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

Contract location

- UK - United Kingdom

Contract start date (estimated)

1 February 2025

Contract end date (estimated)

31 January 2028

Maximum value (estimated, excluding VAT)

£27,000,000

Renewal

No

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

No

Contract is not suitable for

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
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Buyers

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Procedure

Procurement start date (estimated)

When the contract notice or equivalent will be published.

31 July 2024

Commercial approach

Whether the procurement is for a new requirement or a reprocurement.

New requirement