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## **Monitoring the impact of AES on landscape change**

NATURAL ENGLAND (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03eff6

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

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

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#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

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**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Monitoring the impact of AES on landscape change

Reference number

C20549

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 90700000 - Environmental services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This project will provide further evidence of the contribution that AE schemes make to the aims and aspirations of the Defra 25 YEP for conserving and enhancing beauty and England's distinctive landscape character; also, the need identified by the Glover Landscapes Review for better evidence of how England's landscapes are changing and using the evidence to more pro-actively influence desired changes and to ascertain the contribution that AES are making in that broader context. The project will make a highly significant contribution to supporting the Defra 25 YEP because the AES scheme landscape monitoring uses the same spatial and reporting framework (National Character Areas) and the findings will feed directly into the Defra 25 YEP Outcome Indicator G1: 'Changes to landscape and waterscape character'.

The body of AES landscape monitoring evidence is now substantial and whilst it is necessary to keep the assessments of scheme effectiveness updated, the emphasis must now be to use the evidence to inform a more strategic approach to the landscape spatial prioritisation and targeting of AE Schemes in the wider context of England's landscapes and how they are changing. There are also lessons to be learnt to inform a way to integrate Landscape more robustly into the mix of outcomes delivered by current and future AE Schemes, in a way that also assists landscape as context for nature recovery and making landscapes more resilient to climate change.

#### **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

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

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 75%

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 25%

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

Start date

16 October 2023

End date

31 March 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

**II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

20 September 2023

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

21 September 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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