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# **CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS (SEAs), INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF A NEW SEA, TO SUPPORT OFFSHORE ENERGY LICENSING / LEASING ROUNDS**

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

Aberdeen

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-business-energy-and-industrial-strategy>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

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Reference number

PRJ\_866

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

- 73110000 - Research services

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

Services

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

BEIS is responsible for administering relevant environmental legislation including, implementation of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 'the SEA Regulations' (or its future equivalent) to undertake an SEA (or its future equivalent) to inform its decision on government plans and programmes covering offshore oil and gas, offshore gas and carbon dioxide storage, offshore renewables, and hydrogen. This means that SEAs need to be carried out and maintained as necessary prior to licensing / leasing rounds in which offshore areas on the UK Continental Shelf (UKCS) are offered.

Habitat Regulations Assessments will additionally be required, if any applications relating to a specific licensing round could potentially significantly affect the integrity of any national site network.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £5,750,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 73112000 - Marine research services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 76100000 - Professional services for the gas industry
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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BEIS requires a service provider to project manage the overall SEA programme on behalf of BEIS, which will include maintenance of SEAs, preparation and completion of a new SEA, Habitat Regulations Assessments and maintaining SEA programme of research.

Below are indicative timescales relating to this potential competition:-

Competition Period – TBC 2022

Evaluation – TBC 2022

Indicative Award – TBC 2022

Standstill Period – TBC 2022

Final Award – TBC 2022

Mobilisation – TBC 2022

Contract Commencement – April 2023

In order to assist with obtaining a clear understanding of the market, BEIS would like to ask prospective suppliers to complete a questionnaire, accessed via <https://beisgroup.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/go/779227330182CF0DA1FE> .

Please ensure all completed questionnaires are completed and returned, via the Jaggaer Procurement Portal, by 12:00 30th September 2022.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Please complete questionnaire within Jaggaer procurement portal on the link: <https://beisgroup.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/go/779227330182CF0DA1FE>

To register an account please visit <https://beisgroup.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/>.

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

31 August 2022

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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**

Questionnaire is on Jaggaer system at the following link:

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