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Contract

## **ID 5209858 DAERA - Air and Environmental Quality - NI Air Website, Archive, App, and Professional Air Quality Services**

Department of Environment, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-045897

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

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

Department of Environment, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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

Body governed by public law

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

ID 5209858 DAERA - Air and Environmental Quality - NI Air Website, Archive, App, and Professional Air Quality Services

Reference number

ID 5209858

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

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

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

Services

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

DAERA Air and Environmental Quality (AEQ) invites tender submissions for the provision of The Northern Ireland Air Website, Archive, App and Professional Air Quality guidance. All parts, functions and expanse of data (current/archive) of the existing website must be retained and maintained throughout the duration of the contract. The Client welcomes submissions from consortia, providing the Lead Supplier is identified and the consortium can clearly demonstrate their ability to meet the capacity requirements of this contract in full. Please see ID 5209858 Specification for further information.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £424,935.11

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 90731100 - Air quality management
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: AC1 Website Support Maintenance Implementation / Weighting: 24.5

Quality criterion - Name: AC2 Air Quality Expertise - Key Personnel Experience / Weighting: 24.5

Quality criterion - Name: AC3 Contract Management / Weighting: 10.5

Quality criterion - Name: AC4 Social Value / Weighting: 10.5

Cost criterion - Name: AC5 Total Contract Price / Weighting: 30

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Following the initial contract period. There will be an additional extension period of up to three years.

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

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

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## **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-014959](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

1

### **Title**

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

5 August 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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Internet address

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The contractor is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £417,410

Total value of the contract/lot: £424,935.11

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The successful Contractor's performance on the Contract will be regularly monitored in line with the tender. documentation. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in Construction and Procurement Delivery (CPD) for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance can result in the Contractor being excluded from all. procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of three years from the date of issue.

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

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

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom