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Tender

Soil sampling & analysis for the Environmental Baselining Pilot

AHDB (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-048a7b

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

AHDB (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/agriculture-and-horticulture-development-board>

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

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Agriculture

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Soil sampling & analysis for the Environmental Baseline Pilot

Reference number

2024-715

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77100000 - Agricultural services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

AHDB is undertaking environmental baselining work on a network of farms comprising approximately 170 farms across GB where it aims to establish a net carbon balance, taking account of GHG emissions and carbon sequestration (above and below ground) and capture a range of metrics of relevance to evaluating natural capital and monitoring the environmental impact of different land management approaches.

For this tender, AHDB are seeking a partner to provide soil sampling and analysis services to inform the assessment of:

- a) soil carbon stocks
- b) soil nutrients, texture and biological indicators

on approximately 170 farms across Great Britain. The distribution of these farms is provisionally as follows; England 125, Wales 10, and Scotland 35. Soil nutrients are included, not only to inform nutrient status in terms of soil health and relate to carbon stocks but also to inform the risk of runoff when combined with LIDAR generated run-off risk maps.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 14212400 - Soil

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The suite of data collection being undertaken includes LIDAR scanning to estimate above ground carbon stocks and provide run-off risk maps, soil sampling to indicate soil carbon stocks and soil health, carbon footprinting to understand the GHG emissions for the farm, and work will also explore the potential for remote sensing technology to provide more frequent and lower cost carbon stock assessments.

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This tender is focused on the following two deliverables, which will need different approaches, particularly in relation to sampling intensity and sampling depth:

- a. Assessing soil organic carbon stocks on mixed farms in GB
- b. Assessing soil nutrients, texture and biological indicators

Please access Tender documentation for further details.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: 80 / Weighting: Technical

Cost criterion - Name: 20 / Weighting: Price

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

Start date

1 December 2024

End date

30 November 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

II.2.14) Additional information

The Procurement Documents have been made directly available by AHDB by electronic means at <https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>
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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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

20 September 2024

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: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

20 September 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Place

AHDB

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Procurement Manager

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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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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