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Planning

## **(MARKET ENGAGEMENT ONLY) Animal Plant and Health Modelling Services Framework**

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-025700

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03f8ac

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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**

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**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

(MARKET ENGAGEMENT ONLY) Animal Plant and Health Modelling Services Framework

Reference number

P32105

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

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

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

Services

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

Please note that this is for Market Engagement only and the purpose of this notice is to gather market feedback. We are currently at the beginning of the procurement strategy stage to renew the Animal and Plant Health Modelling Services Framework (Ref: 25333) that was previously advertised under Notice 2019/S 153-377217 on 09 August 2019.

The Authority is seeking feedback from both current and potential contractors to assist us in understanding what has worked well with the current framework and ascertain if any improvements that can be made for the next iteration. Additionally, the Authority would like to gauge the market interest for another framework to inform our strategy. Any feedback from contractors should be provided to the Authority (via email to [mandy.worsnop@defra.gov.uk](mailto:mandy.worsnop@defra.gov.uk)) by no later than Friday 15th September 2023.

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

Value excluding VAT: £800,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 77100000 - Agricultural services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The scope of the framework will give the Authority access to quantitative modelling groups, capability and tools for animal and plant pest and disease modelling and expert analysis to meet ad hoc policy requests. The Authority requires the Contractor to be available to respond to emergency situations in the form of expert consultation and/or input to modelling exercises. The quantitative modelling provides the authority with evidence to support policy making in the event of an outbreak of animal and plant pest or disease and supports policy and operational activity relating to the management of animal and plant pest and disease already present. It also contributes to the evidence base around preparedness for future threats. The purpose of carrying out this analysis is to inform policy decisions which may need to be made quickly, sometimes based on evidence that is not complete.

**II.2.14) Additional information**

Please note that this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is not a call for competition and as such you will need to express your interest in any future tender opportunity once the contract notice is published in Find a Tender and on Contracts Finder.

It should also be noted that this PIN invites individuals and organisations to express an interest in this exercise only, and it is NOT a pre-qualification questionnaire, and is NOT part of any pre-qualification or selection process.

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

2 October 2023

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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