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Tender

## **DAERA - AFBI – Grass Plant Science Branch - Growth Chambers**

Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute

F02: Contract notice

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

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

Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute

18a Newforge Lane

BELFAST

BT9 5PX

#### **Contact**

SSDAdmin.CPDfinance-ni.gov.uk

#### **Email**

[SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.afbini.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

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

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**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

DAERA - AFBI – Grass Plant Science Branch - Growth Chambers

Reference number

ID 3839626

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

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

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

Supplies

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

The Agri-Food and Bioscience Institute (AFBI) require “reach-in” insectary chambers, plant growth chambers, and tissue culture chambers to fulfil their statutory and expertise advisory function to the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) and to conduct research that inform plant health policy. The chambers will require commissioning, a warranty package and optional extended warranty.

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

Value excluding VAT: £489,448

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 38540000 - Machines and apparatus for testing and measuring
- 38500000 - Checking and testing apparatus
- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)
- 38900000 - Miscellaneous evaluation or testing instruments
- 38970000 - Research, testing and scientific technical simulator

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

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plant growth chambers, and tissue culture chambers to fulfil their statutory and expertise advisory function to the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) and to conduct research that inform plant health policy. The chambers will require commissioning, a warranty package and optional extended warranty.

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

Price

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £489,448

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

Duration in months

12

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: Yes

Description of options

After the initial contract period, there are nine options to extend the contract by up to one year each.

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

Date

24 November 2021

Local time

3:00pm

#### **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**

Tender must be valid until: 22 February 2022

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

Date

24 November 2021

Local time

3:30pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

Contract Monitoring. The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored in line with PGN 01/12.. 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 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 Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance will 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 twelve months from the date of issue of the certificate.

### **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

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended). and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.

