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Tender

Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Monitoring Framework

NATURAL ENGLAND (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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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

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

<https://atamis-9529.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Monitoring Framework

Reference number

C20945

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90711500 - Environmental monitoring other than for construction

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Monitoring Framework

Natural England SSSI Monitoring Aims

Monitoring and evaluation of SSSIs is an important aspect of Natural England's work on protected sites as it enables us to understand the impacts of management and other pressures on the notified features. We have moved to a Whole Feature Assessment (WFA) approach, aligning with all other UK Statutory Nature Conservation bodies, to obtain feature-scale data and understand the bigger picture. We will still be able to report at the unit scale to support conversations with land managers.

Interim targets of the Environmental Improvement Plan (EIP) published in January include the delivery of an up-to-date condition assessment for every SSSI (feature) by the beginning of 2028.

SSSI Monitoring Programme

Monitoring and evaluation of SSSIs is an important aspect of Natural England's overall monitoring programme. It provides evidence that helps us deliver our statutory functions for SSSIs and other designated sites. We use this evidence to advise land managers, partners

and stakeholders, and help them sustain SSSIs in favourable condition, or restore those in unfavourable condition. We are reforming these processes to obtain feature-scale data and understand the bigger picture. The SSSI Monitoring and Evaluation Programme tackles the decline in SSSI monitoring frequency in recent years and our SSSI evidence base. It aims to provide robust evidence to support site management, local nature recovery projects, and national policy delivery and reporting.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £4,900,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - North

Lot No

Lot 1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90711500 - Environmental monitoring other than for construction

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £4,900,000

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

Start date

1 April 2024

End date

31 March 2028

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

4+2

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - East

Lot No

Lot 2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90711500 - Environmental monitoring other than for construction

II.2.3) Place of performance

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 - South

Lot No

Lot 3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 4 - West

Lot No

Lot 4

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Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 40

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

23 October 2023

Local time

1:30pm

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

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

23 October 2023

Local time

2:00pm

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

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

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