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#### **Planning**

# **Defra - Future Network Procurement Project**

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-026583

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03fb1d

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# **Section I: Contracting authority**

# I.1) Name and addresses

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#### Country

**United Kingdom** 

### 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.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

# I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome

# 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

Defra - Future Network Procurement Project

Reference number

Project\_34627

#### 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

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https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/agreements/RM6116

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#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

## II.2) Description

### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UK - United Kingdom

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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

2 October 2023

# 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: No