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## **Project 36206 - TSE Rapid Testing Services**

Defra Network eTendering Portal

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**8 November 2022, 12:00pm**

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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://defra.bravosolution.co.uk/>

Buyer's address

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

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://defra.bravosolution.co.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://defra.bravosolution.co.uk/>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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**

Project 36206 - TSE Rapid Testing Services

Reference number

36206

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

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

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

Services

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

This requirement is for the provision of Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy (TSE) Rapid Testing of fallen stock cattle, sheep and goats and healthy slaughter sheep and goats on behalf of the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA).

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

Value excluding VAT: £8,500,000

#### **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

Main site or place of performance

The Services will be performed from the successful Tenderer's laboratory and there are no on farm 'live' test facilities available.

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

The APHA currently manage, on behalf of DEFRA and the Welsh Government and Scottish Government, the provision of TSE rapid testing and related services for fallen cattle and eligible sheep and goats in Great Britain.

The purpose of the Services is to enable the APHA to meet its requirement to provide TSE Rapid Testing in line with Chapter C, Annex X of Regulation (EC) No 999/2001, as amended by Commission Regulation (EU) No 1148/2014, which still applies since the UK's exit from the EU.

Tenderers will be required to hold test accreditation in accordance with international standard EN ISO/IEC 17025 and commit to add TSE Rapid Testing to their current scope prior to commencement of the contract. Proof of accreditation will be required prior to commencement of the Services and it will be a requirement for TSE Test accreditation (in accordance with international standard EN ISO/IEC 17025) to be maintained throughout the life of the contract.

The Authority is seeking to appoint a contractor to provide TSE Rapid Testing Services for a five (5) year and nine (9) month period (three (3) year and nine (9) month initial term with allowable extension of up to twenty-four (24) months).

Please note that the value shown in this notice covers the full potential contract period.

#### **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: £8,500,000

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

Duration in months

69

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

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents.

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-021396](#)

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

Originally published as:

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Local time

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Date

8 November 2022

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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

Date

1 November 2022

Local time

12:01pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Royal Courts of Justice

London

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#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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