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Tender

Project 36206 - TSE Rapid Testing Services

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F02: Contract notice

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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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Main address

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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

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

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

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

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

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1 November 2022

Local time

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Local time

12:00pm

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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

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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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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