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## **AFBI - Provision of Field Surveyors for the DAERA NI Countryside Survey**

Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute NI

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03fd0e

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

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

Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute NI

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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

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**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://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**

AFBI - Provision of Field Surveyors for the DAERA NI Countryside Survey

Reference number

4962743

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

Services

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

Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs have commissioned a repeat of the NI Countryside Survey commissioned in 2007. Standard protocols will be followed, in line with the GB Countryside Survey, across a sample set of quarter kilometre (25ha) grid squares located throughout NI. The Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH) in GB are leading the study, partnered by AFBI and Queens University Belfast. The NI Countryside Survey provides a consistent long-term dataset for analysis of the effects of countryside, agricultural and other policies and pressures as drivers of change. The survey will be a repeat of the previous survey and will include a large soils component.

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

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 71251000 - Architectural and building-surveying services
- 71250000 - Architectural, engineering and surveying services
- 79311000 - Survey services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

#### **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: £200,000

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

Duration in months

6

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.1.3) 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.1.3) 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: 6

#### **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

18 October 2023

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: 16 January 2024

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

Date

18 October 2023

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**

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 Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and their. place. on the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Notice 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 Notice

#### **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.

UK

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