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Contract

## **ID 5265951 DAERA - Portal Imports and Controls - Provision of Search Dog for Detection of Illegal Products at Airports**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

F21: Social and other specific services – public contracts

Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-028064

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-047265

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

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

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

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#### **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.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**

ID 5265951 DAERA - Portal Imports and Controls - Provision of Search Dog for Detection of Illegal Products at Airports

Reference number

5265951

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

- 80512000 - Dog training services

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

Services

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

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has a requirement for a Supplier to provide a detector dog and handler, on a full-time basis to assist Veterinary Service, a specific business area within DAERA, in the targeting of products of animal and plant origin at Northern Ireland (NI) airports and ports and parcel handling locations.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £728,000

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 80512000 - Dog training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has a requirement for a Supplier to provide a detector dog and handler, on a full-time basis to assist Veterinary Service, a specific business area within DAERA, in the targeting of products of animal and plant origin at Northern Ireland (NI) airports and ports and parcel handling locations.

### **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.2.14) Additional information**

The figure indicated in Section II 1.5 represents an estimated contract value. This value reflects.. the. potential scale of the contract and takes into account potential optional extension periods and the uptake of potential optional.. services. as detailed in the tender documents. This figure does not however take into account the application of indexation.. Neither.. CPD nor the. Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract. The Contracting Authority does not.. bind itself to. accept the lowest or any tender. Economic Operators remain responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by them or.. by any third. party acting under instructions from the Economic Operator in connection with taking part in this procurement process.. regardless. of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any amendments made to the procurement documents.. by the. Contracting Authority at any time. No legally binding contract shall arise (and an Economic Operator shall. have no legitimate.. expectation. that a contract will be entered into) until such time as entry into the Contract has been confirmed by the. Contracting.. Authority.. Economic Operators should note that all dates, time periods and figures in relation to values and volumes specified. in this.. notice and. the procurement documents are approximate only and the Contracting Authority reserves the right to change any or all of.. them

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Form of procedure

Open procedure

### IV.2) Administrative information

#### IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-019407](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

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### Title

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

3 September 2024

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £728,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £728,000

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored in line with the tender documentation. 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 the contract may be. terminated.. The issue of a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance can 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. three years from the date of issue. The Authority expressly reserves the rights; not to award any contract as a. result of the procurement. process commenced by publication of this notice; to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and. structure of the tendering. Competition; to award (a) contract(s) in respect of any part(s) of the services covered by this notice; and to. award contract(s) in stages and. in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates..

### 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.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

#### VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and incorporated a. standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract

was. communicated to tenderers.. That notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful. tenderers to challenge the. award decision before the contract was entered into..