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# Natural England Planning Related Advice Professional Services Framework (NE PRAPS)

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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

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

https://defra.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html

## 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/web/login.html

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/web/login.html

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

Natural England Planning Related Advice Professional Services Framework (NE PRAPS)

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 90712000 - Environmental planning

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

This procurement is being carried out by Defra Group Commercial in accordance with the Open Procedure as set out in the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR) on behalf of Natural England and Arm's Length Bodies.

Natural England is setting up the framework to appoint the services of suppliers, contractors and consultants with relevant skills, experience and expertise in providing expert advice and training on a wide range of planning issues to decision makers and consultees nationally.

Natural England advises on the environmental aspects of sustainable development and engages with the planning system as a statutory consultee for development plans, Environmental Impact Assessments, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects and where planning applications are likely to impact upon NE particular interests, including protected habitats, Sites of Special Scientific Interest and designated landscapes.

This framework will mainly cover, but will not be limited, to Sustainable Development (SD) Programme advice planning related requirements.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £4,999,999

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 11

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

as outlined in documentation

## II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

Natural England Planning Related Advice Professional Services Framework (NE PRAPS)

Lot No

11

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

• 90712000 - Environmental planning

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

National

#### 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: £4,999,999

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

Duration in months

48

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

#### II.2.14) Additional information

further information in the procurement pack

# 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

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#### 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

#### III.2) Conditions related to the contract

#### III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision

Planning Advice Consultancy experience within similar setting and appropriate qualifications

#### III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

# 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: 66

#### 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

11 November 2022

Local time

1:00pm

#### 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: 11 November 2022

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

Date

11 November 2022

Local time

1:00pm

# **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

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

# VI.4) Procedures for review

## VI.4.1) Review body

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