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Tender

## **ID 3624546 DAERA - AFBI - Northern Ireland Soil Nutrient Health Scheme (SNHS)**

The Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute AFBI

F02: Contract notice

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

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

The Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute AFBI

18a Newforge Lane

BELFAST

BT9 5PX

#### **Email**

[SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

### **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 electronically via

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

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### **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 3624546 DAERA - AFBI - Northern Ireland Soil Nutrient Health Scheme (SNHS)

Reference number

ID 3624546

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

- 71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services

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

Services

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

AFBI now seeks to establish Contracts for 2 separate service provisions for soil sampling and soil analysis. Acknowledging that the 2 services are of a different nature to each other, the Contracts will be separated into 2 lots; Lot 1 will be for the provision of Soil Sampling and Lot 2 will be for the provision of Soil Nutrient Analysis. Tenderers can bid for either or both Lots.

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

Value excluding VAT: £25,280,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots  
2

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

LOT 1 Soil Sampling

Lot No

1

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

- 71610000 - Composition and purity testing and analysis services
- 71620000 - Analysis services
- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services
- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 14212400 - Soil

### **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: £17,600,000

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

Duration in months

26

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Contract period shall commence on award (expected to be January 2022) and run until 31 March 2026. The

contract will have an initial period up to 31 March 2024 and will contain the options to extend for two further periods of up to 12 months

each.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Contract period shall commence on award (expected to be January 2022) and run until 31 March 2026. The

contract will have an initial period up to 31 March 2024 and will contain the options to extend for two further periods of up to 12 months

each.

#### **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 in II.2,6 is the maximum estimated Contract value for the entire contract period. No. Guarantee of work is given.

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

## LOT 2 Soil Analysis

Lot No

2

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

- 71610000 - Composition and purity testing and analysis services
- 71620000 - Analysis services
- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services
- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 14212400 - Soil

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

NUTS codes

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### **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: £7,680,000

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

Duration in months

26

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Contract period shall commence on award (expected to be January 2022) and run until 31 March 2026. The

contract will have an initial period up to 31 March 2024 and will contain the options to extend for two periods of up to 12 months each.

Lot 2 will incorporate a further 6 months of samples storage.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Contract period shall commence on award (expected to be January 2022) and run until 31 March 2026. The

contract will have an initial period up to 31 March 2024 and will contain the options to extend for two periods of up to 12 months each.

Lot 2 will incorporate a further 6 months of samples storage.

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

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

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

List and brief description of selection criteria

As per tender documents

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

List and brief description of selection criteria

As per tender 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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

11 January 2022

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: 11 April 2022

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

Date

11 January 2022

Local time

3:30pm

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Only CPD Procurement Staff with access to the project on eTendersNI.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Contract Monitoring. The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored in line with PGN 01/12.. 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 Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Certificate 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 certificate." . . "The Authority expressly reserves the rights: . (I). not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; . (II). to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering Competition; . (III). to award (a) contract(s) in respect of any part(s) of the [services] covered by this notice; and . (IV). 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 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.