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## **Infrastructure as a service and Deskside Support for South Downs National Park Authority**

South Downs National Park Authority

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

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

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#### **Contact**

Hayley Madgwick

#### **Email**

[hayley.madgwick@southdowns.gov.uk](mailto:hayley.madgwick@southdowns.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.southdowns.gov.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

National Park Authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Infrastructure as a service and Deskside Support for South Downs National Park Authority

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72500000 - Computer-related services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) is conducting a strategic review of its Information Technology function regarding its existing managed IT services. Our current IAAS and desktide support contracts end on 30 June 2025. We are exploring the feasibility of merging the two contracts. SDNPA is conducting preliminary market engagement with managed service providers to understand market capabilities and understand possible approaches and associated risks, using a market engagement questionnaire. This is an open engagement exercise in which any potential providers can participate. A summary of the engagement process along with any learning and how it has influenced service design would be published as part of any subsequent procurement process. A background document and the questionnaire are available by emailing [tenders@southdowns.gov.uk](mailto:tenders@southdowns.gov.uk). The deadline for completed questionnaires is close of play on Monday 23 September 2024.

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 72500000 - Computer-related services
- 72900000 - Computer back-up and catalogue conversion services
- 72700000 - Computer network services
- 72120000 - Hardware disaster-recovery consultancy services
- 72600000 - Computer support and consultancy services
- 72400000 - Internet services
- 72300000 - Data services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

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

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## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

21 October 2024

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

