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Contract

Environmental Training, Advice, and Facilitation Framework

NATURAL ENGLAND (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

Environmental Training, Advice, and Facilitation Framework

Reference number

C20209

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90710000 - Environmental management

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Environmental Training, Advice, and Facilitation Framework

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: £12,500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Defra have commissioned Natural England to develop a new advice Framework contract to

replace the existing Farm and Land Management (FaLMA) Framework which ends June 2023. The requirement is for the provision of Technical Consultancy to advise Defra Network, Agencies and Bodies in a selection of very specific requirements, e.g. Water Quality and Protection, Air Quality, Soil and Slurry sampling, etc.

This new Environmental Training, Advice, and Facilitation Framework (ETAFF) will facilitate the procurement of land management advice, supporting a range of themes through Exchequer and other funds. This is to be developed as a single flexible framework contract (circa 2023 to 2027) and is to be outsourced. The ETAFF is designed to be a NIL value contract and will include a wide range of Suppliers who will be able to provide the range of services required, covering the whole of England at a Lot level basis to meet agreed geographical requirements and objectives. The Framework scope is designed to be broad to facilitate the delivery of advisory products and support (via technical advice, facilitation and training provision) across a wide range of subjects to Land Managers thereby Improving the level of skills to allow all land managers and associated individuals to deploy measures to improve sustainability and efficiency whilst ensuring compliance with UK regulations designed to protect water & soil, improve air quality, protect animal and plant health etc.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-000856](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 August 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 16

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

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 16

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ricardo-AEA Ltd

The Gemini Building, Harwell, Oxfordshire

Harwell

OX11 0QR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

08229264

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

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Total value of the contract/lot: £1

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

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Country

United Kingdom

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National registration number

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Internet address

www.adas.co.uk

The contractor is an SME

No

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Promar International Ltd

CW5 7NS

Nantwich

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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FWAG East Consultancy Ltd

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Cambridge

CB2 9LG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

07863112

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

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Internet address

<https://www.niab.com/>

The contractor is an SME

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Wellington

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

07865031

Internet address

www.fwagsw.org.uk

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

07863958

Internet address

<https://chrisseabridge.co.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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Internet address

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The contractor is an SME

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The Rivers Trust

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Stoke Climsland

PL17 8PH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

08356621

Internet address

<https://theriverstrust.org/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

SC148684

Internet address

<https://www.sruc.ac.uk/business-services/sac-consulting/>

The contractor is an SME

No

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Okehampton

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Country

United Kingdom

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- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

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Internet address

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The contractor is an SME

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Saffron Walden

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Telephone

+44 1223679679

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

OC433946

Internet address

<https://ceresrural.co.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>