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Request for Information - Marine Recovery Fund

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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

Internet address(es)

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.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from 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

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Reference number

P-31768

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 75131000 - Government services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

ACTION REQUIRED:

- 1) Express an interest in responding by emailing mrf@defra.gov.uk and asking for a copy of the RFI
- 2) written returns are to be made before the return deadline of 14:00 on 7th November are to be submitted to mrf@defra.gov.uk.

Purpose

This Request for Information is to seek feedback from relevant parties on the operational design of the Marine Recovery Fund (MRF). The MRF is intended to facilitate the delivery of strategic compensatory measures to compensate for unavoidable damage to Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) from offshore wind developments. The MRF will play a key role in the Government's commitment to deploy 50 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2030 whilst continuing to protect our MPAs.

This RFI presents six potential delivery options for the MRF currently identified by Defra. These are based on the hypothetical Target Operating Model (TOM) on how we envisage the MRF working in the long-term. We are seeking feedback on the existing supply market and supplier capabilities within that market regarding these delivery models to inform the design of the enduring MRF. We welcome comprehensive information backed by evidence where possible.

Please note: This RFI is not to be construed as a request to submit a tender offer by a respondent at any stage. Answers from respondents may be used to inform Defra's

potential tendering strategy. Not all options demonstrated would be subject to procurement legislation or necessarily result in a formal public procurement.

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II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 31121340 - Wind farm
- 66140000 - Portfolio management services
- 31121340 - Wind farm
- 79421000 - Project-management services other than for construction work
- 75130000 - Supporting services for the government
- 75100000 - Administration services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

England and Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.14) Additional information

66140000 : Portfolio management services

79421000 : Project-management services other than for construction work

75130000 : Supporting services for the government

75100000: Administration services

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 March 2024

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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