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Planning

Clean Vehicle Retrofit Accreditation Scheme (CVRAS)

Defra Network eTendering Portal

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Clean Vehicle Retrofit Accreditation Scheme (CVRAS)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90731100 - Air quality management

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The CVRAS (Clean Vehicle Retrofit Accreditation Scheme) supports the cleaning up of older and more polluting legacy vehicles .Transport creates around 70% of roadside nitrogen oxides and makes a significant contribution to particulate matter. The 26 July 2017 UK Plan for Tackling Roadside Nitrogen Dioxide Concentrations outlines how councils with NO2 levels exceeding legal limits must develop and implement local plans to deliver legal levels of NO2 in the shortest time possible. The NO2 plan identified charging Clean Air Zones (CAZs) are an effective means of achieving compliance with NO2 levels in the shortest time possible and as such local authorities need to consider CAZs or equally effective measures to reduce NO2 concentrations.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90731000 - Services related to air pollution

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The CVRAS provides a robust assurance scheme for suppliers and their products that can be retrofitted to vehicles meaning vehicle operators can have confidence their vehicles will be recognised as compliant for Clean Air Zone (CAZ), Ultra Low Emissions Zone or Low Emissions Zone entry without charge and local authorities implementing clean air policies can be confident in the performance of retrofitted vehicles.

In support of this, Defra will be seeking an experienced provider with knowledge of and relationships with the retrofit industry, expertise on retrofit technologies and knowledge of the bus industry and automotive industry.

The services to be provided include:

- Hosting the CVRAS website and carrying out company audits for company accreditations and annual checks, verifying product testing and certifying retrofit technologies.

- Owning the CVRAS and making any changes required to maintain its effectiveness.

- Updating the whitelist of retrofitted vehicles for the CAZ vehicle checker on a weekly basis.

- Potential for ongoing enforcement of retrofitted vehicles and the rectifying of issues.

- Potential for reviewing the performance of retrofitted vehicles.

II.2.14) Additional information

This is not a call for competition. This is an indicative specification to gauge interest only and is subject to change.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

17 January 2022

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

The successful provider will have expertise and established professional links within the retrofit industry, technical knowledge of vehicle testing, test cycles and emissions, auditing skills, experience working with local authorities and the ability to host and update a website. Also required is the ability to advise Government on developments in the retrofit industry and trouble shoot as necessary.

If you have the experience to assist with this programme, we are keen to hear from you.

As part of your Expression of Interest please confirm that your organisation holds the capacity and capability to undertake this project. Also please provide further detail on any points of information or considerations which you feel Defra should factor in delivering the above.

Please set out your response in a maximum of two A4 pages (Arial font size 11, single spacing).

In order to determine the capability and experience of Consultants to be shortlisted (should the procurement go ahead), the following information will be requested at a later date (at ITT stage). For clarity, this information is not being requested at this stage:

• Company/group of firms' profile, organisation and staffing (max. 2-4 pages).

• Details of previous project experience or similar assignments particularly undertaken in the previous five years, including information on contract value, contracting entity/client, project location/country, duration (mm/yy to mm/yy), expert months provided (if different from duration) , main activities, objectives.

• CVs of key experts who could carry out the work whilst detailing qualifications, experience in similar assignments, particularly assignments undertaken in the previous five years, including information on contracting entity/client, project location/country, duration (mm/yy to mm/yy), expert months provided, assignment budget, main activities, objectives.