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## **AFBI - APPOINTMENT OF A MILKING SERVICE PROVIDER TO AFBI HILLSBOROUGH**

Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute Northern Ireland

F02: Contract notice

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

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

Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute Northern Ireland

BELFAST

#### **Contact**

ssdadmin.cpdfinance-ni.gov.uk

#### **Email**

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

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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

Main address

<https://www.afbini.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/topics/procurement>

### **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 to the above-mentioned address

### **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**

AFBI - APPOINTMENT OF A MILKING SERVICE PROVIDER TO AFBI  
HILLSBOROUGH

Reference number

ID 4871430

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

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

APPOINTMENT OF A MILKING SERVICE PROVIDER TO AFBI HILLSBOROUGH AFBI wish to appoint a suitably experienced Milking Services Provider to provide 'Milking Services' within their dairy herd at Hillsborough. The appointed Milking Service Provider (The Contractor) will be required to provide workers to assist AFBI staff to undertake all normal activities involved with milking a herd of dairy cows. This contract is for three years with two optional one year extensions subject to budget provision.

**II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £375,000

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

**II.2) Description****II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 77500000 - Animal husbandry services
- 79600000 - Recruitment services
- 79610000 - Placement services of personnel
- 79620000 - Supply services of personnel including temporary staff

**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**

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Quantitative / Weighting: 40

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £375,000

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This contract is for three years with two optional one year extensions subject to budget provision.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

This contract is for three years with two optional one year extensions subject to budget provision

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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

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

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

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement 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

5 December 2023

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: 4 March 2024

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

Date

5 December 2023

Local time

3:30pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Recurrent every 5 years

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

Contract Monitoring the successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored.. 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 construction and procurement delivery (CPD) for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, this may be considered grounds for termination of the contract at your expense as provided for in the Conditions of Contract. In lieu of termination, CPD may issue a Notice of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance. A supplier in receipt of multiple Notices of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance may, in accordance with The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended), be excluded from future public procurement competitions for a period of up to three years..

### **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