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## **Automatic Particulate Matter Analyser Contract for Ambient Air**

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

F02: Contract notice

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

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

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

17 Nobel House

London

SW1P 3JR

#### **Contact**

Defra Group Commercial

#### **Email**

[DGCEnquiries@defra.gov.uk](mailto:DGCEnquiries@defra.gov.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 3459335577

#### **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**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://atamis-9529.lightning.force.com/>

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**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Automatic Particulate Matter Analyser Contract for Ambient Air

Reference number

C17622

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

- 90731100 - Air quality management

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

1.1. The Authority will be looking at a contract for PM2.5 analysers that has multiple contractors on it to call off against so the best analyser could be placed for different site types based on what the Authority consider to be the best instrument for the site type. A 'call-off' means that if you are successful on the tender to make the call off list - there is no guarantee of how many instruments the Authority will purchase from you.

The Authority envisage having up to 7 Contractors on the call off contract. The priority is to have analysers that meet our technical needs for different site types and to ensure that the targets are measured consistently across the network using the best type of analyser for each site type, against the reference method, and to provide the instrument with the lowest uncertainty for the measurement of annual mean targets. Practical considerations on running costs, space requirements and capital budgets will be taken into account in our selections. Hot spares are likely to be ordered to assist the CMCU(s) to help achieve high data capture in the event of any instrument faults.

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### 1.3. Those that responded were sent a Prior Information Questionnaire

Those that were able to meet the requirements in the prior information questionnaire have been funded to co-locate evidence at an AURN UK air traffic site in Birmingham, where a reference instrument was located for 6 months January to June 2023, to enhance the Authority's understanding of how new instruments work and can collect data at a challenging UK traffic site, to enhance knowledge of analysers available on the market at the time of the first PIN. The information collected will be shared back with each Supplier (not other Suppliers to avoid any commercial and intellectual property conflicts). The evidence collected will not be used by the Authority during the Invitation to Tender Stage, but the supplier may use it in their bid proposals.

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

Value excluding VAT: £2,422,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 90731100 - Air quality management
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#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

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

Value excluding VAT: £2,422,000

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

Start date

13 September 2023

End date

12 August 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 year extension

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**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

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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

8 December 2023

Local time

12:00pm

#### **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**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

9 June 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### 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](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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