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## **ID 4274797 - DAERA / DfC / DfI- Cyber Security Consultancy Services**

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs  
Department for Communities NI  
Department for Infrastructure NI  
Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs NI

F02: Contract notice

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

**21 November 2022, 3:00pm**

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

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

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**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**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 electronically via

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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#### **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**

ID 4274797 - DAERA / DfC / DfI- Cyber Security Consultancy Services

Reference number

ID 4274797

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

Services

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

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), Department for Communities (DfC), Department for Infrastructure (DfI), and their associated agencies (the Client), are seeking to appoint a Contractor for the provision of Cyber Security Services to support the IT information risk assurance and accreditation processes. The scope of this contract will cover the provision of Cyber Security Services for Systems and Applications supporting the Client business operations. Please refer to document ID 4274797 - Specification for more information on this requirement.

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,135,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72212730 - Security software development services
- 72212732 - Data security software development services

### **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 Criteria / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Quantitative Criteria / Weighting: 40

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,135,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This Contract is for an initial period of 2 years with the option to extend for 2 further periods of 1 year each. (2yrs+1yr+1yr)

#### **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 an initial period of 2 years with the option to extend for 2 further periods of 1 year each. (2yrs+1yr+1yr)

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

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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), Department for Communities (DfC), Department for Infrastructure (DfI), and their associated agencies (the Client), are seeking to appoint a Contractor for the provision of Cyber Security Services to support the IT information risk assurance and accreditation processes. The scope of this contract will cover the provision of Cyber Security Services for Systems and Applications supporting the Client business operations. Please refer to document ID 4274797 - Specification for more information on this requirement. . . The figure indicated in II.2.6 of £1,135,000.00 GBP represents the potential value of the contract over the maximum contract term neither CPD nor the Authorities can guarantee any level of work under this contract.

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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**

Originally published as:

Date

19 December 2022

Local time

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Date

21 November 2022

Local time

3:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

#### **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: 19 March 2023



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

Date

19 December 2022

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: This contract will potentially be due to be re-procured after the initial contract period and/or following any extensions

**VI.3) Additional information**

The successful contractor's performance on this contract will be managed as per the specification and 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 CPD for further. action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded. as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a notice of unsatisfactory performance and this contract may. be terminated. . . A central register of such notices for supplies and services contracts will be maintained and published on the CPD. website. Any contractor in receipt of a notice of unsatisfactory performance will be required to declare this in future tender submissions. for a period of 3 years from the date of issue of the notice. It may also result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement. competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement. Policy. . . The authority expressly reserves the rights:. . (i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by. publication of this notice;. .... (ii) to make. whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition;. . (iii). to award (a) contract(s) in... respect of any. part(s) of the (services) covered by this notice; and. . (iv) to award contract(s) in stages and in no. circumstances will the... authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR2015 as amended

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### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 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.