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Contract

PFAS Risk Screening Project Phase 4 – Work Package 2-4

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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 is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

PFAS Risk Screening Project Phase 4 – Work Package 2-4

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71356000 - Technical services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The overarching PFAS Risk Screening Project, now in its fourth phase, aims to assess and tackle the risks arising from a group of “forever chemicals” which are contaminating soil, groundwater and surface waters and pose a risk to human health. Increasing awareness of the widespread presence of PFAS in environmental media has heightened regulatory concerns about their potential risks to human health and the environment. A recent evidence review by the EA has identified large data gaps in relation to the uses, sources, and mass emissions of PFAS in the UK. This report recommends further research and investigative work to evaluate the sources, both current and legacy, that are contributing to the widespread nature of this family of contaminants.

This objective of this procurement is to source up to three services contracts with a consultant(s) who can deliver the following Work Packages:

WP2 - Lot 1. Development of Best Practice Guidance

WP3 - Lot 2. Detailed Assessment of Potential PFAS Problem Sites:

- o In-depth desk studies of x10 highlighted problem sites
- o Site investigation of x1 prioritised site (Grosvenor Chemicals)

WP4 - Lot 3. Economic Appraisal

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £1,550,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

WP2 - Lot 1. Development of Best Practice Guidance

Lot No

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71356000 - Technical services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The primary objective is to develop a reference guide aimed at those involved in the regulation of sites of concern due to the impact, or potential impact, from PFAS and associated chemicals. Staff can refer to the guide when faced with sites highlighted under voluntary schemes, regulatory regimes, or pollution incidents. The guide will provide background to the problem, the nature and characteristics of these chemicals, and the tailored approach necessary to best assess the risk, apply regulatory controls and ultimately implement mitigation measures (if necessary). The step-by-step guide will adopt the classic land contamination evaluation approach, indicating how at each stage of site assessment the site evaluation strategy should be conducted when considering contaminants of this nature.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

WP3 - Lot 2. Detailed Assessment of Potential PFAS Problem Sites

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71356000 - Technical services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This work package includes two separate but linked activities which are to be combined under a single Lot. The first component relates to delivering a series of desk studies for sites of concern. The second involves progressing one of these desk studies, where historic evidence has already led to formal site determination and designation under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, into an intrusive site investigation.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

II.2) Description**II.2.1) Title**

Economic Appraisal

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71356000 - Technical services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To build on the outputs of Phase 3 which, using the results generated by the GIS model, aimed to categorise and quantify the number of potential problem PFAS sites across England. To assess the recommendations from this Phase 3 task, and develop an approach and ultimately deliver a report, detailing the nature of the PFAS problem across the Country together with a mechanism for deriving costs to highlight the financial scale and burden of the problem.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Development of Best Practice Guidance

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 October 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Jacobs UK Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £79,309.50

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Detailed Assessment of Potential PFAS Problem Sites

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 November 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

WSP Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,006,430.96

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Economic Appraisal

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

18 October 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Jacobs UK Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £83,996.25

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Courts of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom