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Tender

eDNA Kits, analysis of returned samples, and associated reporting

NATURAL ENGLAND (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NATURAL ENGLAND (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

17 Nobel House

London

SW1P 3JR

Contact

DGCEnquiries@defra.gov.uk

Email

DGCEnquiries@defra.gov.uk

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/lightning/page/home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

eDNA Kits, analysis of returned samples, and associated reporting

Reference number

C21850

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90711500 - Environmental monitoring other than for construction

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This opportunity is advertised by Defra group Commercial on behalf of Natural England.

Natural England is the government's advisor on the natural environment. Natural England provide practical advice, grounded in science, on how best to safeguard England's natural wealth for the benefit of everyone. Natural England's remit is to ensure sustainable stewardship of the land and sea so that people and nature can thrive. It is our responsibility to see that England's rich natural environment can adapt and survive intact for future generations to enjoy. For further information please visit Welcome to GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Great crested newts (*Triturus cristatus*; GCN) are fully protected under European and domestic legislation and the Habitats Directive places an obligation on the United Kingdom (UK) to achieve their Favourable Conservation Status (FCS, as defined by Article 2 of the Habitats Directive).

Natural England are looking to appoint a Contracting Laboratory (the Contractor) for the supply and distribution of eDNA kits to Habitat Delivery Bodies (HBDs) completing surveys across England, and for the provision of laboratory analysis of returned samples and associated reporting to Natural England (the Authority) that will deliver the data to be used to monitor the success of habitat creation associated with District Licensing strategies for GCN. The monitoring will enable review and where necessary adjustment to ensure that schemes are contributing towards the FCS of the species. In addition, this Contract is looking to gather more evidence to contribute to a further update of the WC1067 protocol (Appendix A). This shall be carried out across Natural England led

District Level Licensing scheme areas in England.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,995,500

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - precipitation eDNA Kits

Lot No

Lot 1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90711500 - Environmental monitoring other than for construction

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply of precipitation eDNA Kits, analysis of returned samples, and associated reporting.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,903,500

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

Start date

12 February 2024

End date

11 February 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - filtration eDNA kits

Lot No

Lot 2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90711500 - Environmental monitoring other than for construction

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply of filtration eDNA Kits, analysis of returned samples, and associated reporting.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £92,000

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

Start date

12 February 2024

End date

11 February 2028

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

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

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

18 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

Tender must be valid until: 12 June 2024

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

18 December 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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