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## **The UK Urban NO2 Network (UUNN) 2024**

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

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

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

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London

SW1P 4DF

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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://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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**

The UK Urban NO2 Network (UUNN) 2024

Reference number

C26270

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

- 90731100 - Air quality management

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

Services

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

The UUNN was first established in January 2020 and has expanded since to respond to evidence needs and is currently operating at ~299 sites.

The primary aim of the UUNN is the provision of additional NO2 monitoring data for inclusion within the national UK compliance assessment. Previously the national assessment of NO2 has comprised of a UK-wide automatic monitoring network; the Automatic Urban and Rural Network (AURN), and national scale modelling; the Pollution Climate Mapping (PCM) model.

UUNN monitors were sited specifically to target areas where modelling had indicated an exceedance of the annual mean NO2 limit value, and where concentrations predicted by the PCM model and by local modelling completed by a relevant local authority were not in good agreement.

The two requirements to identify specific road links for UUNN measurements within these areas were originally as follows:

? Where the PCM model and/or modelling completed by a relevant local authority had predicted an exceedance of the NO2 annual

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

Value excluding VAT: £0.01

#### **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

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This opportunity is advertised by Defra group Commercial (DgC) on behalf of the Environment Agency (EA) and the Joint Air Quality Unit (JAQU).

The Environment Agency work to create better places for people and wildlife and support sustainable development. EA is an executive non-departmental body, sponsored by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. For further information please visit Environment Agency - GOV.UK (Environment Agency - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))).

The aim of the UK Urban NO<sub>2</sub> Network (UUNN) is to provide additional local NO<sub>2</sub> measurement data for inclusion within the national UK compliance assessment for NO<sub>2</sub>. Data from the UUNN supplements the established assessment, comprised of data from the Automatic Urban and Rural Network (AURN) and air quality modelling. The programme of work is led by (Joint Air Quality Unit) JAQU and the Environment Agency (EA). For the purposes of the Terms and Conditions, the Environment Agency is the Buyer. This contract is for management of the UUNN on behalf of Defra and the EA. The Contract is for 3 years with 2 x 1-year extensions, with a 3-month handover / mobilisation period.

The UUNN is an air quality monitoring network that provides measurements of NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations at urban traffic sites. Measurement data is used to assess compliance against the annual mean limit value for NO<sub>2</sub> set out in the Air Quality Standards Regulations (AQSR) 2010 (40µg/m<sup>3</sup>). The AQSR provide detailed siting criteria for assessment of ambient air quality and the location of sampling points for the measurement of air pollutants in ambient air. The network has become the critical data for zones where this annual mean limit is exceeded, and the data is now embedded as part of the ongoing assessment of UK-air compliance. Data capture and data integrity is therefore critical to delivery.

The UUNN was first established in January 2020 and has expanded since to respond to evidence needs and is currently operating at ~299 sites. The network is envisaged to operate between 200 – 600 sites over the next few years and has budgeted for circa 300 sites a year at present, but this may be subject to change.

Monitoring is completed using Palmes-type diffusion tubes which are modified to improve data quality. The tubes are deployed in triplicate at each monitoring location to reduce the

level of uncertainty and therefore increase the level of accuracy associated with each measured concentration. The Supplier must ensure tubes at each monitoring location are changed according to the UUNN monitoring calendar. The Supplier must also manage a redeployment exercise to decommission and establish new sites on the network at the start of each year as guided by the Authority.

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The two requirements to identify specific road links for UUNN measurements within these areas were originally as follows:

? Where the PCM model and/or modelling completed by a relevant local authority had predicted an exceedance of the NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean limit value of 40?g/m<sup>3</sup> in 2020 and/or 2021.

? Where the difference between the PCM model and modelling completed by a relevant local authority is larger than 20%.

Now the network has moved from an initial improvement work package to an ongoing tool for enhanced NO<sub>2</sub> assessment and is foreseen to be part of our NO<sub>2</sub> assessments work notably on high traffic road links for the foreseeable future. This procurement helps support the Environment Agency's corporate strategy. Environment Agency: EA2025 creating a better place - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)) – provides the Environment Agency's commitment to measure healthy air to protect the environment and people.

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

Price

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

Value excluding VAT: £0.01

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

Start date

1 January 2025

End date

31 March 2030

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

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

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

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

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If you need technical help with the Atamis system, either when registering, or when completing a tender, please contact the Atamis support team e-mail [Support@Atamis.co.uk](mailto:Support@Atamis.co.uk) or phone Tel: 029 2279 0052.

#### **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

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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**

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Date

20 November 2024

Local time

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Date

29 November 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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**

Duration in months: 5 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

Date

23 October 2024

Local time

5:00pm

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### **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

#### **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>

**VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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

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**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

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