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## **Next Flood Warning System (NFWS)**

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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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 electronically via

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

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**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**

Next Flood Warning System (NFWS)

Reference number

C5145

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

- 72222300 - Information technology services

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

Services

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

The EA has used a flood warning system (FWS) to deliver a flood warning service to the public, partners and the media for over twenty years. The current system has remained largely unchanged for many years. FWS is supported by satellite systems maintained by the EA and third-party suppliers in order to provide accurate and up-to-date information to users. This is a complex technology estate, and includes telemetry systems, forecasting systems and services all feeding into messages being issued from the FWS.

The purpose of this notice is for the EA to commence the formal procurement process for the next flood warning system (NFWS). Please refer to II.2.4.1 for further information.

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

Value excluding VAT: £31,650,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
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- 64216000 - Electronic message and information services
- 48333000 - Contact management software package
- 38221000 - Geographic information systems (GIS or equivalent)
- 64212100 - Short Message Service (SMS) services
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 48512000 - Interactive voice response software package

## **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The capabilities required for NFWS are summarised below:

- a. to implement and cutover to the Supplier Solution in its entirety (the “Beta”) within eighteen (18) months of the Effective Date;
- b. to provide the core NFWS functionality for Users within England:
  - define (geographic) Operational Boundaries and Target Areas;
  - provide a Common Operational Picture by region;
  - create Warnings and manage Warnings in force;
  - allow Users and Organisations to Register to receive Warnings;
  - issue location-based Warnings and other Messages through multiple Contact Channels;
  - obtain contact details for Unregistered Users for a region;
  - ingest data or publish data to GIS systems, address systems, flood risk mapping systems, telemetry systems, forecasting systems, and data sharing systems.
- c. provide product delivery, user-centered services, IT Service Management and hosting;
- d. provide the capability to introduce future services, such as additional geospatial services, new Contact Channels (e.g. social media, smart devices, mobile app), new flood and/or geospatial related digital services, and new Message types (e.g. environment related incidents, such as drought); and

e. provide the option for other Defra Group bodies, Risk Management Authorities, and other UK government departments to utilise the Services.

NFWS must have a product roadmap which includes functionality readily available in the proposed product suite beyond the functionality currently stated in the draft Contract that the EA may wish to implement via the Change Control Procedure. In addition, the Supplier must propose new ideas, innovations, and service improvements via a bi-annual Continuous Improvement Plan.

### **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: £31,650,000

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial duration of the Contract will be 6 years (which assumes up to 18 months to complete implementation, followed by 54 months of operational service), with the EA having the option to extend the Contract by an aggregate duration of up to an additional four years in two year increments (i.e. 6+2+2).

### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Maximum number: 4

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Subject to there being sufficient tenderers that meet the selection requirements, the number of pre-qualified tenderers to be invited to participate in the second stage of the procurement will be limited to 4 tenderers in total.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

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#### **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.1.2) 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**

Competitive procedure with negotiation

#### **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

30 January 2023

Local time

10:00am

#### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

27 February 2023

#### **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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

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