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Tender

ID 5623675 - DAERA - CAFRE - ESTABLISHMENT SOIL CARBON STOCKS BASELINE AT THE CAFRE FARMS

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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>

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The CAFRE Soil Carbon Coring Project has been developed by technologists at CAFRE to obtain a field level baseline of soil carbon stocks, soil nutrient and carbon properties at the five CAFRE estate farms in Northern Ireland. The project will provide CAFRE with a dataset that can be used for the delivery of innovation projects and industry demonstration on the management of soil carbon stocks and soil sequestration rates across a wide array of soil types, land uses and management practices. The project objectives are to - provide a detailed accurate measurement, analysis and establishment of a dataset of soil carbon stocks on active agricultural soils and on non-active agricultural/farmland soils at an individual field and subsequent whole farm level at each CAFRE farm centres - sample, analyse and report on broad soil nutrient and carbon properties at 0 – 7.5 cm depth on grassland areas and 0 – 15 cm on arable areas at an individual field and subsequent whole farm level at each CAFRE farm centre.. CAFRE wishes to establish a contract for a Supplier to provide a stratification and sampling plan, in-field sampling, lab analysis and reporting of soil carbon stocks. In addition, the supplier will provide the provision of sampling for broad soil nutrient analysis, and soil carbon properties from across the CAFRE estate farms, which are to be analysed by NRM Cawood Laboratories. For further information please see the Specification document.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £198,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71610000 - Composition and purity testing and analysis services
- 71620000 - Analysis services
- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services
- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 14212400 - Soil

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

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: £19,800

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

Duration in months

12

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This Contract is for an initial period of 12 months with 1 optional extension period of up to 12 months

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

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

Date

27 November 2024

Local time

3:00pm

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: 25 February 2025

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

27 November 2024

Local time

3:30pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

Contract Monitoring. Contract monitoring: the successful contractor's performance on the contract will be 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 construction and procurement delivery (CPD) for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, this may be considered grounds for termination of the contract at your expense as provided for in the Conditions of Contract. In lieu of termination, CPD may issue a Notice of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance.. A supplier in receipt of multiple Notices of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance may, in accordance with The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended), be excluded from future public procurement competitions for a period of up to three years. 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 such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended). 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.