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Planning

## **(MARKET ENGAGEMENT ONLY) Provision of Support to an APHA Tier 2 National Exercise**

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

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

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

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

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#### **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**

Additional information can be obtained from 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**

(MARKET ENGAGEMENT ONLY) Provision of Support to an APHA Tier 2 National Exercise

Reference number

P-36700

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

- 98110000 - Services furnished by business, professional and specialist organisations

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

Services

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

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) is seeking to engage a supplier to support the production and delivery of a Tier 2 National Exercise and supporting agencies. Tier 2 National Exercises are a) led by a Lead Government Department with involvement from key stakeholders (including other departments), b) may take the form of Tabletop or Live Exercises or elements of both and c) include likely participation of COBR (Civil Contingencies Committee).

The supplier will have experience of managing and delivering exercises of a similar scale. They will be expected to create and deliver an Exercise Package capable of testing the preparedness and effectiveness of Defra framework response plans, Contingency Plans for Governmental administrations and APHA Operational response plans.

The Authority is seeking this information to inform decisions around the Procurement Strategy and to identify suppliers within this market. An estimated total value is therefore not provided at this stage.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

This procurement will require the supplier to work collaboratively with subject matter experts to design and develop a suitable scenario for a Tier 2 National Exercise. The Exercise Package designed will contain four individual exercises including a two-day Live play exercise, a range of bespoke products to aid the realism aspect of the exercises and a stakeholder engagement plan.

The supplier will be required to undertake a post-exercise debrief to collate lessons for continuous improvement and produce a comprehensive Exercise report, that once generated, will be available to the general public.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The purpose of this Prior Information Note is to understand the market appetite and ability to resource and bid for this work, we are requesting you respond to this PIN by answering the following questions:

- 1) Are you interested in bidding for this work, and you can meet any or all of the requirements outlined above?
- 2) Provide an estimated price for delivering this work.

Your response should be submitted by email to [mandy.worsnop@defra.gov.uk](mailto:mandy.worsnop@defra.gov.uk) on or before 5pm (GMT) on Monday 2nd December 2024. The Authority may contact you to confirm your interest and ability to meet our requirement.

It should be noted that this PIN invites individuals and organisations to express an interest in this exercise only, and it is NOT a pre-qualification questionnaire, and is NOT part of any pre-qualification or selection process.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

20 January 2025

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No