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## **VMS Hub Replacement**

Defra Network eTendering Portal

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

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

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**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

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

<https://atamis-9529.my.site.com>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

VMS Hub Replacement

Reference number

C22210

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

- 72222300 - Information technology services

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

Services

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

The VMS Communications Hub receives position reports from electronic devices (VMS terminals) installed on fishing vessels. These reports are automatically submitted at regular intervals by either satellite or GPRS/ GSM communications channels

The United Kingdom Fishing Administrations (UKFA)s are responsible for implementing the EU Common Fisheries Policy and regulations for the UK as well as National regulations. EU Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011) states that a Member State must operate a vessel monitoring system (VMS) using satellite communication systems to monitor the location of:

- UK licensed fishing vessels wherever they operate.
- Foreign licensed fishing vessels operating in UK waters.
- Vessels operating in Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs).
- Foreign vessels wherever they maybe,: when engaged in Joint Deployment Plans (JDP) with the UK.

This requires integrating the UK VMS with other states end points and with several transponder supplier and 3rd party systems as well as developing bespoke UK management functionality.

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,250,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 72222300 - Information technology services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The UK VMS requires a vessel monitoring system (VMS) using satellite communication systems to monitor the location of:

- UK licensed fishing vessels wherever they operate;
- Foreign licensed fishing vessels operating in UK waters;
- Vessels operating in Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs);
- Foreign vessels wherever they maybe, when engaged in Joint Deployment Plans (JDP) with the UK.

The UKFAs are collectively responsible for the UK meeting its flag state obligations under EU regulations. Defra acts as the central body responding to the EU on behalf of the UK as a flag state. The FAs work co-operatively on joint technology developments and enforcement activity.

Contract to be awarded following Open OJUE Procedure - any interested suppliers must register on Atamis system by following or copy and paste this link into browser:

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All current and future opportunities and bid submission will be on Atamis

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

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The UK Fishing Administrations consist of the Marine Management Organisation England (MMO); Marine Directorate of the Scottish Government (MDSG); Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs Northern Ireland (DAERA); Welsh Government (WG) and non UK Bodies: Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture Isle of Man (DEFA), Jersey and Guernsey who all administer UK fishing vessels while regulating EU legislation.

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

11 December 2023

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## **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: Yes