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## **Environmental Land Management Payment Rate Development and Verification**

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

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

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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**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Environmental Land Management Payment Rate Development and Verification

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

- 73110000 - Research services

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

Services

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

This tender is for the delivery of technical support relating to Payment Rate Development (Lot 1) and Payment Rate Verification (Lot 2) for Environmental Land Management (E.L.M) contracts.

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,200,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Environmental Land Management Payment Rate Development

Lot No

1

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

- 73110000 - Research services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Lot 1: Payment Rate Development - The Supplier shall provide technical support for the calculation of E.L.M payment rates, including:

The production and updating of new building blocks that are needed for E.L.M actions, with clear sources of data and assumptions. Primarily this will be national averages, but some local/bespoke building blocks will be required;

Generating assumptions, in collaboration with Defra Group specialists, needed for payment calculations on how an E.L.M action affects a particular farming system.

Construction of payment calculations, using the above information, in the Defra payments calculator and ensuring the model can be scaled up in size for new payment calculations.

Providing a clear audit trail from data and assumptions through to final payment rates

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

One winner per Lot – Lot 1 and Lot 2 to be awarded to different suppliers.

Breakdown of Estimated total value:

Lot 1 up to an initial £400,000 over 2 years, with an additional 2 year extension option (subject to approval) + £400,000 = £800,000 total

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Environmental Land Management Payment Rate Verification

Lot No

2

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

- 73110000 - Research services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Lot 2: Payment Rate Verification - The supplier will undertake a wide-ranging role in scrutinising and independently verifying payment rate calculations, including:  
Ensuring the data and evidence sources used in the creation of building blocks are robust and representative of the target farming or land system.  
Checking that the assumptions underpinning payment calculations are appropriate for the target farming system and that they are used correctly in the calculation.  
Providing an assessment, and constructive advice, on how E.L.M. payment rates sit against World Trade Organisation Green box requirements under the Agreement on Agriculture.

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

One winner per Lot – Lot 1 and Lot 2 to be awarded to different suppliers.  
Breakdown of Estimated total value:  
Lot 2 up to an initial £200,000 over 2 years, with an additional 2 year extension option (subject to approval) + £200,000 = £400,000 total

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

21 May 2025

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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

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### **Section VI. Complementary information**

#### **VI.3) Additional information**

Please forward your statement of interest to the contact above by 10th January 2025