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Planning

Environmental Land Management Payment Rate Development and Verification

Defra Network eTendering Portal

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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

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

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

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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