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Planning

Remote Electronic Monitoring (REM)

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

F01: Prior information notice

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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

Remote Electronic Monitoring (REM)

Reference number

P-37272

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71700000 - Monitoring and control services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Install and manage Remote Electronic Monitoring, Cameras, sensors and video recording equipment (REM technology).

Defra would like to test a range of monitoring equipment across 4 fisheries.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £40,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71700000 - Monitoring and control services
- 63726700 - Fishing-vessel services
- 71700000 - Monitoring and control services
- 03300000 - Farming, hunting and fishing products

- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to alert potential technology suppliers to an opportunity in relation to the Department of the Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) Remote Electronic Monitoring (REM) programme.

Defra intend to run an open tender to procure REM technology and services. This procurement will be specific to the early adopter vessels volunteering to join our programme. Decisions about our approach to long term implementation will be made at a later date.

At this stage of the programme Defra would like to understand which suppliers could provide REM technology consisting of a number of digital cameras, different types of sensors, GPS and a REM control box.

Defra would like to test a range of monitoring objectives across 4 fisheries:

- Fishery B:

Over 10m Demersal seines (flyseines) in English waters of the Southern North Sea and English Channel (ICES areas 4c, 7d and 7e).

Likely monitoring objectives: Catch composition information and verification, improved data on non-quota species.

- Fishery C:

Over 10m Demersal trawls using mesh sizes up to 120mm in English waters of the North Sea (ICES area 4b).

Likely monitoring objectives: Catch composition and discards.

- Fishery D:

Over 10m Fixed and drift nets (gill and trammel) in English waters of the Celtic Sea and English Channel (ICES areas 7e-j).

Likely monitoring objectives: Interactions with sensitive species, improved catch and discards information.

- Fishery E:

Over 10m Demersal trawls including beam trawls in English waters of the Celtic Sea and English Channel (ICES areas 7e-j).

Likely monitoring objectives: Monitoring discarded fish, improved data on non-quota species.

Defra anticipate that we will be seeking REM technology for volunteer fishing vessels in each of the fisheries above over the course of 4 years. Defra anticipate needing technology for up to 3 vessels per fishery - likely 4 to 12 in total.

Defra would also like to understand options for data access, sharing and storage.

Defra are also interested in systems that have or could have automated analysis capabilities and are open to suggestions on additional functionality.

Finally, Defra are interested to know whether suppliers would be willing to tender for both technology and installation.

If you are an established REM technology provider and you would like to register your interest, please email dgc-laww-buyer@defra.gov.uk with a short summary (1 page) of technical capability in this area.

The Authority reserves the right to communicate with interested parties for future requirements related to the area of REM.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

16 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: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

In order to understand the markets appetite and ability to resource and bid for this work, we are requesting you respond to this PIN to confirm if you are interested in bidding for this work and that you can meet the requirements outlined above, including a short summary (1 page) of technical capability in this area. Your response should be submitted by email to dgc-laww-buyer@defra.gov.uk by the closing date of 13/01/2025 by (15:00). The Authority may contact you to confirm your interest and to discuss your capability to fulfil this requirement.

The response to this PIN will determine if/ when we are able to commence a procurement process. This PIN does not commit the Authority to progressing this opportunity beyond this point.

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