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## **ID 5674399 - DAERA - NIEA - MULTIPARAMETER SONDES FOR HIGH RESOLUTION MONITORING OF LOUGH NEAGH INFLOWS**

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs of Northern Ireland

F02: Contract notice

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

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

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs of Northern Ireland

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

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Reference number

5674399

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 90732920 - Phosphates pollution assessment

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The Buyer requires seven Multiparameter Sondes for the high-resolution monitoring of the main Lough Neagh inflow and outflow rivers as part of a larger commissioned E and I project. The Supplier must also deliver the equipment prior to 31st March 2025. Warranty must also be provided, and further details are detailed with the document titled "ID 5674399 Specification". This competition is being managed in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and run using the Accelerated Open procedure. This is due to the urgent nature and the overarching DAERA-AFBI project which is expected to commence 2025. The aim of selecting this procedure is to ensure the items are delivered before the end of the financial year to allow the DAERA-AFBI Lough Neagh project to commence.

**II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £146,000

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

**II.2) Description****II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 24313200 - Phosphinates, phosphonates, phosphates and polyphosphates
- 90732900 - Nitrates and phosphates pollution assessment
- 90740000 - Pollutants tracking and monitoring and rehabilitation services
- 03000000 - Agricultural, farming, fishing, forestry and related products
- 32440000 - Telemetry and terminal equipment
- 32441000 - Telemetry equipment

- 35125100 - Sensors
- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)
- 90700000 - Environmental services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £146,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

After the initial contract period, there is an option to extend for a further two one-year

periods.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

After the initial contract period, there is an option to extend for a further two one-year periods.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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

Contract Value. The figure indicated in Section II 1.5 represents an estimated contract value. This value reflects the potential scale of the contract and takes into account potential optional extension periods and the uptake of potential optional services as detailed in the tender documents. This figure does not however take into account the application of indexation. Neither CPD nor the Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract. The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Economic Operators remain responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from the Economic Operator in connection with taking part in this procurement process regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any amendments made to the procurement documents by the Contracting Authority at any time. No legally binding contract shall arise (and an Economic Operator shall have no legitimate expectation that a contract will be entered into) until such time as entry into the Contract has been confirmed by the Contracting Authority. Economic Operators should note that all dates, time periods and figures in relation to values and volumes specified in this notice and the procurement documents are approximate only and the Contracting Authority reserves the right to change any or all of them.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

Due to the urgent nature of this requirement the 'Accelerated Open' procedure has been chosen in accordance with Regulation 27 (5) of the Public Contracts Regulations (as amended) which states "Where a state of urgency duly substantiated by the contracting authority renders impracticable the time limit laid down in paragraph (2), it may fix a time limit which shall be not less than 15 days from the date on which the contract notice is sent" This is due to the urgent nature and the overarching AFBI project which is expected to commence 2025. The aim of selecting this procedure is to ensure the items are delivered before the end of the financial year to allow the AFBI project to start.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

7 January 2025

Local time

3:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 7 April 2025

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

7 January 2025

Local time

3:30pm

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

#### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

#### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

Suppliers not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a Supplier fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and the performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and their place on the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Notice of unsatisfactory Performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of twelve months from the date of issue of the Notice.

#### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead, any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended.

UK

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.