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Tender

ID 5917495 - DAERA - Supply of Official Auxiliary Services

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)

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Scope

Reference

ID 5917495

Description

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) (Buyer) has a requirement for the provision of Meat Inspection services to be performed by Meat Inspectors (MI)/Official Auxiliaries (OAs). The primary role of the Meat Inspector is to assist the Official Veterinarian (OV) in the delivery of Official Controls and other DAERA duties to ensure compliance with the food hygiene legislation governing the production and further handling of meat for human consumption. Suppliers should refer to the Specification Schedule for full detail on the deliverables of this contract.

Total value (estimated)

- £6,559,205 excluding VAT

- £7,871,046 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2027
- Possible extension to 31 October 2029
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

The Buyer will have the option to extend the contract by two further periods of up to one year each, subject to their continuing requirement and satisfactory performance by the Supplier.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85200000 - Veterinary services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Participation

Technical ability conditions of participation

As per Tender documentation.

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

8 August 2025, 3:00pm

Tender submission deadline

18 August 2025, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenders must be submitted electronically via the relevant Call for Tender (CfT) opportunity on eTendersNI, website details immediately below.

Paper submissions will not be accepted or considered and will be rejected by the Contracting Authority / Buyer.

The tender documents are available with unrestricted and full direct access, free of

charge, at: URL <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

8 September 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
AC1 Staffing and Resource Management	As per Tender documentation.	Quality
AC2 Training and Development	As per Tender documentation.	Quality
AC3 Contract Management	As per Tender documentation.	Quality
AC4 Social Value	As per Tender documentation.	Quality
AC5 - Estimated Year 1 Charges	As per Tender documentation.	Price

Weighting description

Percentage Weightings

AC1 - 18%

AC2 - 18%

AC3 - 13.8%

AC4 - 10.2%

AC5 - 40%

Other information

Payment terms

For further details on invoicing procedures please see : <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/account-ni-good-invoicing-practice>

Contract Value

The estimated value figure indicated in the Scope Section represents an overall 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 or increases to charges due to increases in the Real Living Wage. Neither CPD nor the contracting 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. Suppliers remain responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from the Supplier 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 a Supplier 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.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLDR-5748-GBBJ

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Belfast

BT3 9ED

United Kingdom

Email: SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

CPD - Supplies & Services Division

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery - Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland.

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Contact organisation

Contact [CPD - Supplies & Services Division](#) for any enquiries.