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Tender

FCP: E.L.M Payment Rate Developments/Payment Rate Verification

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Scope

Description

The Authority would like to commission services for E.L.M Payment Rate Developments/Payment Rate Verification. The purpose of commissioning external delivery partners for the calculation and verification of payment rates is to ensure payment rates provide an accurate reflection of how farming or land systems are affected. This involves the Authority having access to specialist skills in different agricultural and ecological areas. Because payment calculations are concerned with the technicalities of farming systems, the programme wishes to commission bespoke ad hoc research projects to improve understanding of agricultural processes and how different farming systems may be affected by different payment designs. It is essential that the Supplier has good knowledge of the landscape of farming and land systems in England, the costs and revenues involved, and the assumptions behind them. A working knowledge of ecological practices of AES activities, costs, access to expertise in organics, marginal farming systems, and farming in protected landscapes. is required.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 November 2025 to 2 November 2027
- Possible extension to 2 November 2029
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend - 2x 12 month extensions

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73110000 - Research services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

2 Lots - Lot 1: Payment rate development Lot 2: Payment rate verification

Lot 1. Lot 1: Payment rate development

Description

Lot 1: Payment rate development • Completion of annual payment rate review rates (expected to be 1/3 of SFI Payment rates) every year for publication deadlines, subject to the authority's need. • Completion of payment rate price base reviews every three years or more often in the case of an exceptional price review. • The deliverables in this case will be updated payment recipes and data for points 1 and 2 respectively added to the payments rate calculator spreadsheet. • 10 working days to complete payment recipes. Deadlines set in agreement at time of issue of work package. • Payment recipes updated on the Live Spreadsheet for verification, upon completion of work package.

Lot value (estimated)

- £666,666.67 excluding VAT
- £800,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Lot 2: Payment rate verification

Description

Lot 2: Payment rate verification • Completion of annual payment rate review rates (expected to be 1/3 of SFI Payment rates) every year for publication deadlines, subject to the authority's need. • The deliverables in this case will be a report on the accuracy of the payment rates developed including the accuracy of assumptions and data. • 10 working days to complete verification. Deadlines set in agreement at time of issue of work package. • Initial verification comments provided to the authority upon completion of work package. • Report compiling verification comments provided to the Authority following completion of large work packages. To be agreed at time of issue of work package.

Lot value (estimated)

- £333,333.33 excluding VAT
- £400,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Lot 1. Lot 1: Payment rate development

Lot 2. Lot 2: Payment rate verification

No

Technical ability conditions of participation

Lot 1. Lot 1: Payment rate development

Lot 2. Lot 2: Payment rate verification

No

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Lot 1: Payment rate development

Lot 2. Lot 2: Payment rate verification

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

4 September 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

12 September 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://atamis-9529.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

14 October 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical	Weighting 80%	Quality	80.00%
Commercial	Weighting 20%	Price	20.00%

Other information

Payment terms

Payment within 30 days upon receipt of valid undisputed invoices following completion of work packages

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

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