

**UK-London: technical inspection and testing services**

**2010/S 6-006466**

**CONTRACT NOTICE**

**Services**

**SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY**

**I.1) NAME, ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINT(S):**

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**Internet address(es):**

General address of the contracting authority: [www.food.gov.uk](http://www.food.gov.uk).

Address of the buyer profile: [www.food.gov.uk/procurement](http://www.food.gov.uk/procurement).

**Further information can be obtained at:** As in above-mentioned contact point(s).

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained at:** As in above-mentioned contact point(s).

**Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to:** As in above-mentioned contact point(s).

**I.2) TYPE OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY AND MAIN ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITIES:**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local sub-divisions.

Other: Food Standards.

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no.

**SECTION II: OBJECT OF THE CONTRACT**

**II.1) DESCRIPTION**

**II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:**

UK-Aberdeen: depuration plant approval and inspection.

**II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance:**

Services.

Service category: No 25.

Main place of performance: Scotland has approximately 25 approved depuration plant facilities. These are located throughout Scotland with the majority in Shetland Isles, Argyll and Bute, Ayrshire, Fife and Highland region.

**II.1.3) The notice involves:**

A public contract.

**II.1.4) Information on framework agreement:**

**II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s):**

This contract expects the provider to undertake technical visits to businesses applying for depuration plant approval. The visits will assess the system and measure its effectiveness. The outcome will provide a report on findings with details of any requirements and recommendations which require to be addressed prior to approval and a technical specification for use of the system.

Regulation (EC) 853/2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin requires approval of depuration plants by the central competent authority.

In Scotland the Food Standards Agency, Scotland (FSA,Scotland), retains the competent role for approval of the technical aspects of the depuration tank operation. Approval of the business as a whole remains a delegated function of the Local Authority.

The Services required include but are not limited:

To conduct depuration plant approval visits;

To conduct depuration plant revisits as necessary;

To take samples from the depuration facility as necessary and conduct analysis of these using standard reference methods;

To provide visit reports to FSA,Scotland, the Local Authority and Depuration plant operator within the timeframe specified;

To provide conditions of approval documents and plant specification documents to FSA,Scotland within the timeframe specified;

To liaise with the appropriate Local Authority in relation to planning approval visits and revisits to facilities as required;

To provide verbal advice to depuration plant operators/Local Authority Officers as required;

To provide written advice to depuration plant operators/Local Authority Officers as required.

Technical inspection and testing services.

II.1.6) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):**

71630000.

II.1.7) **Contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA):**

Yes.

II.1.8) **Division into lots:**

No.

II.1.9) **Variants will be accepted:**

Yes.

II.2) **QUANTITY OR SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT**

II.2.1) **Total quantity or scope:**

Scotland has approximately 25 approved depuration plant facilities. The number of visits per annum is dependent upon the number of new applications for approval and the risk assessment which specifies the number of re visits to be under taken. The annual re visit schedule is determined by the Agency in discussion with the contractor and the relevant Local Authority. In general an average of 10 visits in total per annum are undertaken; these consist of both full approval and re visit inspections.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 350 000 GBP.

II.2.2) **Options:**

II.3) **DURATION OF THE CONTRACT OR TIME-LIMIT FOR COMPLETION:**

Starting: 1.6.2010. Completion: 31.5.2015.

**SECTION III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

III.1) **CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT**

III.1.1) **Deposits and guarantees required:**

III.1.2) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions regulating them:**

Invoicing and payment to be in GBP.

III.1.3) **Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:**

III.1.4) **Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject:**

No.

III.2) **CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION**

III.2.1) **Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: (a) is bankrupt or is being wound up, where his affairs are being administered by the court, where he has entered into an arrangement with creditors, where he has suspended business activities or is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under national laws and regulations;

(b) is the subject of proceedings for a declaration of bankruptcy, for an order for compulsory winding up or administration by the court or of an arrangement with creditors or of any other similar proceedings under national laws and regulations;

(c) has been convicted by a judgment which has the force of res judicata in accordance with the legal provisions of the country of any offence concerning his professional conduct;

(d) has been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authorities can demonstrate;

(e) has not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which he is established or with those of the country of the contracting authority;

(f) has not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which he is established or with those of the country of the contracting authority;

(g) is guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required under this Section or has not supplied such information;

(h) has been the subject of a conviction for participation in a criminal organisation, as defined in Article 2(1) of Council Joint Action 98/733/JHA;

(i) has been the subject of a conviction for corruption, as defined in Article 3 of the Council Act of 26.5.1972 and Article 3(1) of Council Joint Action 98/742/JHA3 respectively;

(j) has been the subject of a conviction for fraud within the meaning of Article 1 of the Convention relating to the protection of the financial interests of the European Communities;

(k) has been the subject of a conviction for money laundering, as defined in Article 1 of Council Directive 91/308/EEC of 10.6.1991 on prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering.

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III.2.2) **Economic and financial capacity:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: Obtain questionnaire from [procurement@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk) and return completed by midday on Monday 8.2.2010.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity:**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:

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III.2.4) **Reserved contracts:**

No.

III.3) **CONDITIONS SPECIFIC TO SERVICES CONTRACTS**

III.3.1) **Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession:**

No.

- III.3.2) **Legal entities should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service:**

Yes.

#### **SECTION IV: PROCEDURE**

##### **IV.1) TYPE OF PROCEDURE**

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

Restricted.

###### **IV.1.2) Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate:**

Envisaged number of operators 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Obtain questionnaire from [procurement@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:procurement@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk) and return completed by midday on Monday 8.2.2010.

###### **IV.1.3) Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue:**

##### **IV.2) AWARD CRITERIA**

###### **IV.2.1) Award criteria:**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document.

###### **IV.2.2) An electronic auction will be used:**

No.

##### **IV.3) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

###### **IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:**

PAU287.

###### **IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract:**

No.

###### **IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document:**

Payable documents: no.

###### **IV.3.4) Time-limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate:**

8.2.2010 - 12:00.

###### **IV.3.5) Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates:**

###### **IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up:**

English.

###### **IV.3.7) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender:**

###### **IV.3.8) Conditions for opening tenders:**

#### **SECTION VI: COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

##### **VI.1) THIS IS A RECURRENT PROCUREMENT:**

##### **VI.2) CONTRACT RELATED TO A PROJECT AND/OR PROGRAMME FINANCED BY EU FUNDS:**

No.

##### **VI.3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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GO reference: GO 10010725/01.

##### **VI.4) PROCEDURES FOR APPEAL**

VI.4.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures:**

VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals:**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: This authority will incorporate a minimum 10-calendar-day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the contracting authority before the contract is entered into. Applicants have 2 working days from the notification of the award decision to request additional debriefing and that information has to be provided a minimum of 3 working days before the expiry of the standstill period. The additional information will be given by the contact in I.1. If an appeal regarding the award of a contract has not been successfully resolved the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (SI 2006 No 5) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action must be brought promptly (generally within 3 months). Where a contract has not been entered into the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the authority to amend any document and may award damages. If the contract has been entered into the Court may only award damages.

VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained:**

VI.5) **DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE:**

7.1.2010.