

**United Kingdom-Belfast: Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services**  
**OJ S 151/2016 06/08/2016**  
**Contract notice**  
**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs DAERA

Postal address: Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Rd, Ballymiscaw

Town: Belfast

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: BT4 3SB

Country: United Kingdom

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**Internet address(es):**

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

Address of the buyer profile: <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 abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned 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**

DAERA — Delivery of DAERA Farm Business Investment Scheme.

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

77000000 Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4. Short description**

The Department (DAERA) requires an external Contractor to support the Department with the delivery of the Business Investment Scheme (BIS). There is a 15 000 000 GBP capital budget for the delivery of this Tier 1 Scheme. The overall aim of the Scheme, is to improve the business competitiveness and sustainability of agricultural and horticultural businesses.

**II.1.5. Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 2 230 000,00 GBP

**II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

**II.2. Description**

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

77110000 Services incidental to agricultural production, 77100000 Agricultural services, 79500000 Office-support services

**II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: 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: 2 230 000,00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 42

This contract is subject to renewal: no

**II.2.10. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

**II.2.11. Information about options**

Options: no

**II.2.13. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
yes

Identification of the project:

**II.2.14. Additional information**

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**Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

**III.1. Conditions for participation**

**III.1.2. Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria:  
As per Tender documentation.

### **III.1.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria:  
As per Tender documentation.

## **Section IV: Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

#### **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: 05/09/2016 Local time: 15:00

#### **IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

#### **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: 04/12/2016

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

Date: 05/09/2016 Local time: 15:30

## **Section VI: Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: no

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

The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor 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 their 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 Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Certificate 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 12 months from the date of issue of the

certificate. The Authority expressly reserves the rights: (I) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; (II) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering Competition; (III) to award (a) contract(s) in respect of any part(s) of the services covered by this notice; and (IV) to award contract(s) in stages and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by candidates.

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

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

Official name: The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures

Town: The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures

Country: United Kingdom

##### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

01/08/2016