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## CONTRACT NOTICE

Works

Supplies

Services

**X**

Reserved for the Publication Office

Date of receipt of the notice \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier \_\_\_\_\_

Is this contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)? NO YES **X**

### SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

#### I.1) OFFICIAL NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

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#### I.2) ADDRESS FROM WHICH FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED:

As in I.1 **X**

*If different, see Annex A*

#### I.3) ADDRESS FROM WHICH DOCUMENTATION MAY BE OBTAINED:

As in I.1 **X**

*If different, see Annex A*

#### I.4) ADDRESS TO WHICH TENDERS/REQUESTS TO PARTICIPATE MUST BE SENT:

As in I.1 **X**

*If different, see Annex A*

#### I.5) TYPE OF CONTRACTING AUTHORITY\*

Central level

EU Institution

Other **X** (EU Body)

Regional/local level

Body governed by public law

## SECTION II: OBJECT OF THE CONTRACT

### II.1) DESCRIPTION

#### II.1.1) Type of works contract ( in case of works contract )

Execution	Design and execution	Execution, by whatever means of a work, corresponding to the requirements specified by the contracting authority
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#### II.1.2) Type of supplies contract ( in case of supplies contract )

Purchase	Rent	Lease	Hire-purchase	A combination of these
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#### II.1.3) Type of service contract ( in case of service contract )

Service category      **STUDY**

#### II.1.4) Is it a framework agreement ? \*      NO      YES

#### II.1.5) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority \*

Study contract for developing a High Nature Value farming area indicator \_\_\_\_\_

#### II.1.6) Description/object of the contract (use continuation sheet if necessary)

See continuation sheet with description of the project (background and purpose of the contract)

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#### II.1.7) Site or location of works, place of delivery or performance

European Environment Agency

NUTS code \* \_\_\_\_\_

#### II.1.8) Nomenclature

##### II.1.8.1) Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) \*

	Main vocabulary	Supplementary vocabulary (when applicable)		
Main object	<b>73.00.00.00-2</b>	-	-	-
Additional	<b>74.14.19.00-8</b>	-	-	-
objects	<b>90.31.10.00-0</b>	-	-	-
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##### II.1.8.2) Other relevant nomenclature (CPA / NACE / CPC) \_\_\_\_\_

**II.1.9) Division into lots** (for details about lots use Annex B as many times as needed)

NO  YES

Tenders may be submitted for:      one lot                      several lots                      all lots

**II.1.10) Will variants be accepted** (where applicable)

NO                      YES

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

**II.2.1) Total quantity or scope** (including all lots and options, if applicable)

250 - 300 working days required \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**II.2.2) Options** (if applicable). Description and time when they may be exercised (if possible)

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\_\_\_\_\_

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

Either: Period in month/s **15** and/or days (from the award of the contract)

Or: Starting / / and/or ending / / (dd/mm/yyyy)

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

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

**III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required** (if applicable)

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**III.1.2) Main terms of financing and payment and/or reference to the relevant provisions** (if applicable)

General terms and conditions applicable to contracts awarded by the European Environment Agency. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**III.1.3) Legal form to be taken by the grouping of suppliers, contractors or service providers to whom the contract is awarded** (if applicable)

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\_\_\_\_\_

**III.2) CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION**

**III.2.1) Information concerning the personal situation of the contractor, supplier or service provider and information and formalities necessary for the evaluation of the minimum economic, financial and technical capacity required**

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**III.2.1.1) Legal position – means of proof required**

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**III.2.1.2) Economic and financial capacity – means of proof required**

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**III.2.1.3) Technical capacity – means of proof required**

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

**III.3.1) Is provision of the service reserved to a specific profession?**

NO  YES

*If yes, reference of the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision*

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**III.3.2) Will legal entities be required to state the names and professional qualifications of the personnel responsible for execution of the contract?**

NO YES

**SECTION IV: PROCEDURE**

**IV.1) TYPE OF PROCEDURE**

Open  Accelerated restricted  
Restricted Accelerated negotiated  
Negotiated

**IV.1.1) Have candidates already been selected? (for negotiated procedure only and if applicable)**

NO YES *If yes, provide details under Other information (section VI)*

**IV.1.2) Justification for the choice of accelerated procedure (if applicable)**

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**IV.1.3) Previous publication concerning the same contract (if applicable)**

**IV.1.3.1) Prior information notice concerning the same contract (if applicable)**

Notice number in OJ content list /S - of / / (dd/mm/yyyy)

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#### IV.1.3.2) Other previous publications

Notice number in OJ content list /S - of / / (dd/mm/yyyy)

#### IV.1.4) Envisaged number of suppliers which will be invited to tender (when applicable)

Number or: Minimum / Maximum

#### IV.2) AWARD CRITERIA

A) Lowest price

or

B) The most economically advantageous tender in terms of: **X**

B1) criteria as stated below (in descending order of priority where possible) **X**

**The contract will be awarded to the tenderer whose offer is the most advantageous taking into account:**

- the consultants knowledge of the relationship between agricultural land use and biodiversity;
- the consultants' understanding of European farming systems as well as the impact of different farm management methods on the diversity of landscape structures and agricultural biodiversity;
- the consultants' knowledge of available agri-environmental data sources;
- the consultants' experience in analysing agri-environmental statistics and land use data, preferably at the European level;
- a proven track record in timely delivery of high-quality work in similar areas;
- price and quality.

Tenders from consortiums of firms or groups of service providers or contractors shall specify the role, qualifications and experience of each member or group.

In descending order of priority : NO **X** YES

or:

B2) criteria as stated in contract documents

#### IV.3) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

IV.3.1) Reference number attributed to the file by the contracting authority \* Ref. no. **EEA/EAS/002/02**

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#### IV.3.2) Conditions for obtaining contract document and additional documents

Obtainable until / / (dd/mm/yyyy) *37 days from the date of publication in OJ*

Price (where applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Currency \_\_\_\_\_

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Terms and method of payment \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**IV.3.3) Time-limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate** (*depending whether it is an open, restricted or negotiated procedure*)

/ / (dd/mm/yyyy) or **52** days from dispatch of notice

Time (*when applicable*): \_\_\_\_\_

**IV.3.4) Dispatch of invitations to tender to selected candidates** (*In restricted and negotiated procedure*)

Estimated date : / / (dd/mm/yyyy)

**IV.3.5) Language or languages in which tenders or requests to participate can be drawn up**

ES	DA	DE	EL	EN	FR	IT	NL	PT	FI	SV	Other (s) – third country
<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	plus Norwegian and Islandic_____

**IV.3.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain its tender (in case of an open procedure)**

Until        /        /        (dd/mm/yyyy) or        **6** months and/or        days from the  
deadline stated for receipt of tenders

**IV.3.7) Conditions for opening tenders**

**IV 3.7.1) Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders (where applicable)**

Officials from the Agency and financial controller \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**IV.3.7.2) Date, time and place**

Date        /        /        (dd/mm/yyyy)        Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION VI: OTHER INFORMATION**

**VI.1) IS THIS NOTICE A NON-MANDATORY ONE?**

NO **X** YES

**VI.2) IF APPLICABLE, INDICATE WHETHER THIS PROCUREMENT IS A RECURRENT ONE AND THE ESTIMATED TIMING FOR FURTHER NOTICES TO BE PUBLISHED**

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**VI.3) DOES THE CONTRACT RELATE TO A PROJECT / PROGRAMME FINANCED BY EU-FUNDS?\***

NO **X** YES

If yes, indicate the project/programme and any useful reference \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**VI.4) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (if applicable)**

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**VI.5) DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE:**        /        /        (dd/mm/yyyy)

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## ANNEX A

### 1.2) ADDRESS FROM WHICH FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED

Organisation	For the attention of
Address	Postal code
Town	Country
Telephone	Fax
Electronic mail (e-mail)	Internet address (URL)

### 1.3) ADDRESS FROM WHICH DOCUMENTATION MAY BE OBTAINED

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## ANNEX B – INFORMATION ABOUT LOTS

LOT n° .....

### 1) Nomenclature

#### 1.1) Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) \*

	Main vocabulary				Supplementary vocabulary ( <i>when applicable</i> )			
Main object	.	.	.	-	-	-	-	-
Additional objects	.	.	.	-	-	-	-	-
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#### 1.2) Other relevant nomenclature (CPA/NACE/CPC) \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2) Short description \_\_\_\_\_

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### 3) Scope or quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 4) Indication about different starting/delivery date (*if applicable*)

Starting     /     /     (dd/mm/yyyy) / delivery     /     /     (dd/mm/yyyy)

LOT n° .....

### 1) Nomenclature

#### 1.1) Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) \*

	Main vocabulary				Supplementary vocabulary ( <i>when applicable</i> )			
Main object	.	.	.	-	-	-	-	-
Additional objects	.	.	.	-	-	-	-	-
	.	.	.	-	-	-	-	-
	.	.	.	-	-	-	-	-
	.	.	.	-	-	-	-	-

#### 1.2) Other relevant nomenclature (CPA/NACE/CPC) \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2) Short description \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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3) Scope or quantity \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4) Indication about different starting/delivery date (if applicable)

Starting        /        /        (dd/mm/yyyy) / delivery        /        /        (dd/mm/yyyy)

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## **II.1.6 Description of the project**

### **Background**

Agriculture manages approximately 50% of all land in Europe. Regional farming traditions and extensive management practices have resulted in rich agricultural landscapes with associated high biodiversity, commonly referred to as High Nature Value farming areas. Due to intensification of European agriculture, however, their extent has decreased and considerable biodiversity loss has occurred. The importance of HNV farming areas is recognised in several EU documents, such as the Rural Development Regulation 1257/1999 (as an objective for agri-environment schemes), the EC Biodiversity Action Plan for Agriculture, and Commission Communications on agri-environmental indicators (COM(2000) 20 and COM(2001) 144).

It is difficult to give an accurate and comprehensive European picture of the current situation and extent of remaining HNV farming areas. In spite of previous work during the 1990s, there is no consistent and commonly accepted indicator that combines relevant data on farming practice and associated biodiversity. Many relevant data sources are insufficiently detailed or have regional gaps. However, maintaining and developing HNV farming areas is crucial for protecting biodiversity on farmland in Europe. Policy measures, such as agri-environment schemes, should adequately target the remaining HNV farming areas.

An indicator for High Nature Value farming areas is urgently required to:

- a) determine which farming systems in Europe are most important for agricultural biodiversity,
- b) monitor their geographical distribution,
- c) assess the targeting of agri-environmental policy measures, and
- d) gain insight into the impact of CAP regimes on biodiversity rich farming systems.

### **Purpose of the contract**

The purpose of the contract is to develop and test a HNV farming area indicator at EU level, on the basis of an in-depth analysis of presently available data. Secondly, the contractor should evaluate possibilities and availability of data for expanding the HNV farming area indicator, and related data sets, to all EEA member countries. The indicator to be developed should allow for a precise geographical definition of HNV farming areas and should be validated in three pilot regions. It needs to meet the general criteria as given in the Commission Communication on agri-environmental indicators (COM (2001) 144 final):

1. *policy-relevance* - address key environmental issues;
2. *responsiveness* - change sufficiently quickly in response to action;
3. *analytical soundness* - be based on sound science;
4. *measurability* - be feasible in terms of current or planned data availability;
5. *ease of interpretation* - communicate essential information in a way that is unambiguous and easy to understand;
6. *cost effective* - costs in proportion to the value of information derived.

Close co-ordination of work under the contract with other work at the EEA, such as the expected project on biodiversity implementation indicators, and the European Topic Centres for Terrestrial Environment as well as Nature Protection and

Biodiversity needs to be ensured at all times. Consultation and co-operation with other partners in the Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation on Agri-Environmental Indicators between DG Agri, DG Env, DG Eurostat, DG JRC and the EEA is also essential.

## **Tasks**

1. *Survey of datasets* – Screening of available data (including those of administrative nature) at EU level, as well as in all EEA member countries, for their suitability as basis for the development of a HNV farming area indicator.
2. *Conceptual development of HNV farming area indicator* – Selection of relevant parameters and elaboration of a quantitative aggregation protocol, that will enable a geographical definition of HNV farming areas in the EU. Tasks 1 and 2 have to be performed in an iterative process.
3. *Elaboration of a map of HNV farming areas in the EU* – on the basis of presently available data and work under tasks 1 and 2 a map of HNV farming areas at a scale of 1 : 1,000,000 has to be elaborated.
4. *Analysis of possibilities for extending the HNV farming area indicator to all EEA member countries plus Switzerland* - investigation of available data sets as well as possible (future) tools for developing a HNV farming area indicator at nearly pan-European level.
5. *Validation of results and approach through consultation with regional experts with relevant expertise in the fields of agriculture as well as farming related landscapes and biodiversity* – The indicator and resulting map as defined through tasks 1 to 4 need to be validated through a technical consultation of experts with relevant background knowledge in three pilot regions in Europe (representative of agricultural systems in Western Europe/Scandinavia; Central/Eastern Europe and Southern Europe, respectively.)
6. *Evaluation of project results and recommendations for future work* – The implications of the project results for the further development of a HNV farming area indicator must be analysed. Minor adaptations need to be incorporated into the indicator directly. Major consequences that require a follow-up must be clearly signalled.