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Award

Fisheries science for sustainable management of our seas

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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UKL - Wales

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Main address

<http://www.gov.wales>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Fisheries science for sustainable management of our seas

Reference number

D199/2023/2024

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73112000 - Marine research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Scallop annual survey and assessment

Scallop seabed integrity metric

Bass FMP evidence

Whelk stock assessment

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £395,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73112000 - Marine research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The delivery of scallop, bass, and whelk stock surveys and analyses to inform the development and implementation of Fisheries Management Plans as set out in the Joint Fisheries Statement. The work will include the following:

1. Scallop annual survey and assessment including: Finalise lab work from 2023 survey; Conduct March 2024 survey; and Stock assessment design and application (alongside ICES scallop working group).
2. Scallop seabed integrity metric including: Design baseline survey; Conduct survey March 2024; and Lab work post-survey started.
3. Bass FMP evidence including: Design stable isotope sampling and purchase lab time for analysing bass samples from mid-Wales (25 fish need to be sampled spring/summer); Home Office personal license training for new staff member for bass tagging; and Purchase 50 Data Storage Tags (DST) for use tagging bass spring/summer.
4. Whelk stock assessment including: Review current whelk assessment methodology and advise; and Re-design whelk survey based on review.

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: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Bangor University are the leading academic research institute for sustainable shellfish research and management in Wales. Bangor University also host the leading research groups on European seabass stock management in Wales.

The data for 2 out of 3 aspects is using data owned by Bangor, the third aspect is the scallop survey itself for which Bangor owns the only vessel available capable of delivering the service, the only other vessel owned by Cefas is fully booked for the next year so unable to deliver this work. Research has failed to identify any other vessels capable of the work. In addition, Bangor have the standard operating procedures, staff, contacts and scientific equipment to deliver this survey in the timeframe required, which could not be met by anyone else. They are technically uniquely positioned, with the trained staff, facilities, experience, skills, knowledge, and existing data to deliver the work at pace.

From the information above, Bangor University are the only organisation capable of delivering this work, and so the request falls within the requirements of Regulation 32(2)(b) of the Public Contracts Regulations as "competition is absent for technical reasons".

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

D199/2023/2024

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 January 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Bangor University, School of Ocean Sciences

Askew Street

Menai Bridge

LL595AB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL11 - Isle of Anglesey

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £395,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

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