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Contract

## **Provision of Assessment and Certification Services to the QMS Whole Chain Assurance Programme**

QUALITY MEAT SCOTLAND

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

QUALITY MEAT SCOTLAND

The Rural Centre - West Mains

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.qmscotland.co.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA13202](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA13202)

**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**

Provision of Assessment and Certification Services to the QMS Whole Chain Assurance Programme

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79132000 - Certification services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

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### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Lowest offer: £7,769,335 / Highest offer: £8,458,170 taken into consideration

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 77100000 - Agricultural services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

QMS seeks to appoint a third party Certification Body (CB) contractor, to provide independent assessment and certification services to its

whole chain assurance programme. The programme provides reassurance to consumers that meat has been produced under stringent

standards of food safety, animal welfare, environmental protection and good farming practice.

The QMS Assurance Scheme Standards (available here [www.qmscotland.co.uk/whole-chain-assurance](http://www.qmscotland.co.uk/whole-chain-assurance)) must be strictly and consistently

enforced and certified by an independent CB contractor. The scope of this contract includes all relevant activities related to the assessment

and certification of the schemes including assessment of any new and existing assurance scheme members and continuous development of

the six quality assurance schemes within the whole chain assurance programme, all as more specifically set out in the Specification of

Requirements and the Terms and Conditions of Contract.

The schemes relevant for these services are:

- Cattle & Sheep Assurance Scheme
- Pigs Assurance Scheme
- Feeds Assurance Scheme
- Haulage Assurance Scheme
- Auction Market and Collection Centres Assurance Scheme
- Processor Assurance Scheme

The contract will not be split into lots for reasons of operational and management efficiency.

The contract is for a period of 5 years commencing 1 April 2022 and has the ability to break after year 3 and year 4.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

#### **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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any one of the situations referred to in regulation 58 (1) of the

Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-024012](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

SEP428808

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 January 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

SAOS Ltd

The Rural Centre, Ingliston

Edinburgh

EH28 8NZ

Telephone

+44 7384545281

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM73 - East Lothian and Midlothian

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Lowest offer: £7,769,335 / Highest offer: £8,458,170 taken into consideration

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

(SC Ref:678953)

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

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

Edinburght Sheriff Court

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom