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Tender

## **CEFAS23-156 Western English Channel Sole & Plaice Time Series Survey**

Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.cefass.co.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

CEFAS23-156 Western English Channel Sole & Plaice Time Series Survey

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 60651100 - Hire of sea-going vessels with crew

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This opportunity is for a data collection activity with a 4-metre beam trawl during 2024 (late August - mid October). The target species for age/length sampling are sole, plaice and & other commercially important species.

Subject to confirmation of funding, further surveys in subsequent years may be required. The Contract could be extended for up to a further 2 years in annual increments. If confirmed, these will be conducted within the same time period each year and following the same survey procedure.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £210,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 34513550 - Survey vessels

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Western English Channel

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

From 2003 to 2023, commercial beam trawlers, working under the Fisheries Science Partnership (FSP) and subsequent fisheries monitoring programme, have surveyed the abundance of sole, plaice, anglerfish, lemon sole, megrim and cod in the Western English Channel.

The locations fished, and gears used were chosen initially by the industry and since then were retained consistently. On-board the vessel, Cefas staff sample the catch and analyse the catch data. This catch rate data indicates the changing abundance of the year classes and the rate of fishing on the stock. This "time-series" catch data is used in the ICES stock assessments for plaice and sole. The results from the previous years are summarised in the annual reports on the Cefas web site.

This tender seeks to secure a suitable vessel and all management, crew, victuals, fuel, and other services necessary to carry out the requirements specified below.

The survey's main aim is to investigate trends in the distribution, abundance, and age composition of sole and plaice, and to provide some information on by-catch species. For sole and plaice, the indices of abundance from the survey are one of the datasets used in the ICES Division 7.e stock assessments, together with other survey and fishery data, which help estimate the stock trends over time.

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The project has two components; fishing undertaken by fishermen with knowledge of the area and fishery, and the science undertaken by Cefas. This opportunity is for the fishing component only, although the skipper will be expected to contribute to the overall project report produced by Cefas.

Download the Bidder Pack at <https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome> and search for CEFAS23-156 under opportunities.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Technical / Weighting: 60

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £210,000

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

Start date

1 August 2024

End date

31 December 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial contract period is for the 2024 survey. 2 x 12 month extensions are to be awarded on an annual basis subject to confirmation of funding and are NOT guaranteed.

### **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: No

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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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

12 February 2024

Local time

12:00pm

#### **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: 4 March 2024

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

Date

11 January 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

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Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>