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Contract

Contract for the Provision of Baited Remote Underwater Video Systems (BRUVS) and Associated Services

Cefas

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-028df9

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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Main address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Contract for the Provision of Baited Remote Underwater Video Systems (BRUVS) and Associated Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Contractor will deliver a full string of mid-water BRUVS with benthic adaptation fitments to each OT included in the network and one full string to the Authority (Cefas). OTs currently included in the programme are: Pitcairn Island, Ascension Island, St Helena, Tristan da Cunha, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Territory, Cayman

Island, British Virgin Islands, Montserrat and Anguilla.

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: £444,675

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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 services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

The rig design, software and associated AI analysis rights are owned by Blue Abacus and Cefas would not be able to purchase software / AI analysis compatible with this elsewhere. BRUVS supplied by the Blue Abacus are already used in certain Overseas Territories and this purchase for Cefas would ensure that by buying the same equipment, software and AI analysis services, the data will be collected and analysed consistently with data already collected and analysed in the other Overseas Territories. Purchase of these BRUVS would support the ability to create a cross territory BRUV network as part of the Blue Belt Programme. It is therefore critical that the data informing the management and conservation of a range of species and habitats is collected in a consistent, comparable and statistically robust manner.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

Cefas20-21

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 January 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Blue Abacus Ltd

30 de Castro Ct, Wickhams Cay 1 – PO Box 4519

Road Town, Tortola

VG1110

Country

British Virgin Islands

NUTS code

- 00 - Other NUTS code

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £444,675

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

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<https://www.gov.uk/courts-tribunals>