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Awarded contract

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

Cefas

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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**Country**

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**NUTS code**

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.cefas.co.uk](http://www.cefas.co.uk)

**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**

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

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## 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

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## 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

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## **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

Internet address

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