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Contract

## **Rural Payments Service and associated support services and integration**

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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London

SW1P 4DF

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Defra

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#### **Telephone**

+44 3459335577

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

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

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Rural Payments Service and associated support services and integration

Reference number

C20303

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

Rural Payments Service and associated support services and integration

#### **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: £246,850

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Provision of Rural Payments Service and associated support services and integration

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

#### **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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The incumbent supplier holds sole access rights to the IP, as they built, designed, maintain, operate and support the Rural Payments Service platform. However, we are looking to reduce this dependency by moving the service to the cloud in the next financial year, and thereby reducing the sole management splitting it to Defra and a supplier (yet to be agreed as it is subject to a competitive tender process to take effect from July 2024.)

Therefore, it is believed that situations 3, and 4, of the five permissible situations set out in the STA Guidance were met. KITS is the only supplier with the expertise and/or equipment to complete the task (Sole Supplier) due to their knowledge of the platform they built and they hold sole access rights to intellectual or property rights (Property Rights) as they designed, built, maintain, operate and support the Rural Payments Service platform. This is in accordance with Reg 32(2)(iii) the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property right.

#### **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**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

20 October 2023

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

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

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

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

Keep IT Simple Ltd

7 Savoy Court, London

London

WC2R 0EX

Telephone

+44 7885112020

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

National registration number

10443621

Internet address

[www.keepitsimple-uk.com](http://www.keepitsimple-uk.com)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £246,850

Total value of the contract/lot: £246,850

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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