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## **Environmental Benchmarking**

Agriculture & Horticulture Development Board (AHDB)

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## **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

Agriculture & Horticulture Development Board (AHDB)

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### **Country**

United Kingdom

### **NUTS code**

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.defra.bravosolution.co.uk](http://www.defra.bravosolution.co.uk)

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Agriculture & Horticulture

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## **Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Environmental Benchmarking

Reference number

ER0778

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

AHDB will provide environmental benchmarking (Envirobench) to the industry. Leading to improved resource efficiency, improved on-farm decision making, and measurable improvements in business performance and environmental performance. This Envirobench approach will provide the industry standard approach of gathering evidence

on how farm practices effects the environmental impact and economic benefits. It will provide understanding of the differences in practise on greenhouse gases (GHGs) and diffuse pollution and highlight the options for improvement. It will allow farms to provide robust evidence required under new Environmental Land Management Scheme to access public funding.

The project will develop a calculation engine at the heart of a digital platform connecting farm and national datasets. DEFRA are providing access to the NAEI to build into the calculation engine which they own. RSK-ADAS Ltd manage and host the NAEI code and data for DEFRA. (NAEI - National Emission Inventory)

#### **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: £440,160

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

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

- 48610000 - Database systems

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

Explanation:

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AHDB are unable to procure services due to the technical rights as described by DEFRA due to Supplier owning and managing the coding, hosting and operational management of the inventory of model on Defra behalf. (National Emission Inventory database)

#### 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/concession

### Contract No

ER0778

### Title

Environment Benchmarking (Envirobench)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract/concession

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

4 January 2021

**V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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

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

RSK-ADAS Ltd

Helsby

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £440,160

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

DEFRA

London

Country

United Kingdom