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Contract

**19,995**

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-029010

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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### **NUTS code**

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://defra.bravosolutions.co.uk>

**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

19,995

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

19,995

#### 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: £19,995

## II.2) Description

### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

Background

Sentinel-1 data have become critical to maintain and develop further potential for Earth Observation (EO) to help deliver Defra's 25 Year Plan. By significantly improving the quality of these data, this project will contribute towards the Earth Observation Centre of Excellence (EOCoE)'s plan to show how adoption of EO becomes part of normal business. Key areas where improved quality Sentinel-1 data will help deliver 25 Year Plan are: Food, Farming & Biosecurity; Floods & Water; Environmental Quality; Natural

Environment & Rural; Animal & Plan Health.

As members of the EOCoE, the devolved administrations of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales will also benefit from the improvement in quality of Sentinel-1 data processing standards much in the same way. Many of their policies are looking to benefit from better integration of EO into normal business for restoring and enhancing the natural environment for example, Wales's Environment Act (2016) and Future Generations Act (2015); several policies under Environment and climate change in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The Sentinel-1 data processing chains currently produce a backscatter Analysis Ready Data (ARD) product. The processing chain was developed by previous project work carried out by the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) with decisions being made on most suitable software and methods at the time (2017) by the EOCoE network of users to maximise the number of applications that can use the output data (supporting documents available at request). Non-Disclosure Agreement is included as part of this bid pack (Annex E). All potential bidders wishing to access the document relating to processing chains produced by JNCC should complete the NDA agreement; forward it to Defra via Bravo and the document will be released on a case-by case basis.

Defra launched the Earth Observation Data Service (EODS) in April 2020 which automatically processes Sentinel-1 data to backscatter ARD and provides fast access to public sector users in England. The service uses the previously developed Sentinel-1 data processing chain to produce ARD as part of its automated service. JNCC also uses the same processing chains to produce Sentinel-1 ARD data for Scotland and Northern Ireland as part of their Simple ARD Service <https://jncc.gov.uk/our-work/simple-ard-service/>

#### **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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to open procedure

Explanation:

Though this is Research and Development, it does not need to adhere to the EU regulations on publications. However, to ensure transparency and fairness, this tender was initially advertised as Open Competition.

Nonetheless, no tender was received and hence Single Tender Action (STA)

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

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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**

19 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**

Ecometrica Ltd

Edinburgh

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £19,995

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

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