

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/002218-2021>

Contract

33020

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-002218

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-029011

Published 3 February 2021, 10:56pm

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Defra Network eTendering Portal

17 Nobel House

London

SW1P 3JR

Email

elizabeth.james@defra.gov.uk

Telephone

+44 2072385921

Country

United Kingdom

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

33020

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

33020

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: £33,020

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

1. Background

1.1. The purpose of this research is to determine whether radar imagery can play a role in producing an automated, continually updated map of burning (both managed muirburn and wildfires) in UK upland environments. In Scotland upland habitats can extend to sea level in the north and west so this isn't just a topographic distinction.

1.2. A separate Copernicus User Uptake project run by the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) and NatureScot is looking at Sentinel 2 to create an operational burn mapping system – if this research were successful it could enhance this system by incorporating burn extent mapping which is not influenced by cloud cover.

1.3. The policy context of this work is to help understand the impact of wildfires and muirburn on carbon emissions, biodiversity and natural capital accounting. This will provide evidence to inform policy development towards meeting Defra's strategic aim of tackling climate change and passing on to the next generation an environment protected and enhanced for the future.

1.4. Using remotely sensed data will allow a picture of burning to be developed with improved spatial and temporal detail. Increased spatial detail will help inform decision making on the restoration of peatlands to support the England Peat Strategy. Additionally, a continually updated map enables monitoring of remote areas, resulting in enhanced environmental protection on regional scales, particularly where burning affects a protected area.

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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This call is Sub-Ojeu. Moreover this procurement is a Research and Development project. It is not required to follow OJEU procurement procedure; however to ensure fairness and transparency, Open competition was followed.

Four bids were received with the award to the Most Advantageous Tender (Meat).

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 November 2020

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Pixalytics Ltd

Plymouth

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: £33,020

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Defra

17 Nobel House

London

SW1P 3JR

Email

DGCEnquiries@defra.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom