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Award

NCF: LAP Water Infrastructure Grant - Enabling ADA Contract

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Scope

Reference

C32662

Description

This contract will be for the procurement of 'Services' of subject matter expertise from ADA, required for the evaluation of the LAPSIP grant scheme, continued engagement with the lowland peat water sector (particularly IDBs), and to support the preparation ahead of a new programme, which received funding through SR25

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Supplier

- Association of Drainage Authorities (ADA)

Contract value

- £1,140,000 excluding VAT
- £1,368,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

23 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 26 January 2026 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 29 March 2030
- 4 years, 2 months, 4 days

Description of possible extension:

3 months + 1 + 1 +1+1 (4 years and 3 months in total)

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The Authority reserves the right to extend the contract for up to four (4) additional periods of twelve (12) months each.

CPV classifications

- 79310000 - Market research services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

ADA has subject matter expertise in water level management not identified elsewhere that is required to support successful delivery of outcomes, particularly to apply lessons learnt, inform a new application process and support development of the new programme.

As per Chapter 3 (Section 41), Schedule 5 of the 2023 Procurement Act, this contract meets the Direct Award justification of 'Single Supplier' with the following conditions met for a public contract:

- (a) due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, only a particular supplier can supply the goods, services or works required, and
- (b) there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works.

Supplier

Association of Drainage Authorities (ADA)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPRW-7683-GPTP

Rural Innovation Centre, Avenue H, Stoneleigh Park

Warwickshire

CV8 2LG

United Kingdom

Email: admin@ada.org.uk

Region: UKG13 - Warwickshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

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