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Tender

Supply of dairy cattle genotyping

AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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Scope

Reference

2025-789

Description

Genomic evaluations for dairy traits have been available in the UK since 2012 through AHDB Dairy's genetic evaluation services.

This opportunity is for the provision of genotyping a population of Holstein dairy cows that have methane phenotypes recorded on UK dairy farms. AHDB is seeking tender applications to secure the services of a single bidder that can provide the genotyping service of 7,500 milking cows across 25-35 UK milk-recording dairy farms.

Service requirements include:

- o Farm liaison
- o Sample collection

- o DNA extraction
- o SNP calling (?55,000 SNPs at >=90% CR absolute minimum)
- o Submission of genotype, FMT200 pedigree and cross reference files to AHDB's genomic portal
- o Quality control - Reported failures must be corrected and resubmitted.

Closing date for submissions by 12 noon on the 9 February 2026. View opportunity details at:

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

Total value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2029
- 3 years

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend for up to 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 77100000 - Agricultural services

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

See Bid Pack and associated documents & questions

Technical ability conditions of participation

See Bid Pack and associated documents & questions

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

9 February 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

9 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

9 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical	Quality	60.00%
Price	Price	40.00%

Other information

Payment terms

30 days from receipt of invoice as per AHDB terms and conditions

Description of risks to contract performance

As per tender documents and timelines

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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Region: UKG13 - Warwickshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government