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Contract

National Reference Laboratory for Feed and Food Additives

Food Standards Agency

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-046d98

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Food Standards Agency

YO1 7PR

York

7PR

Contact

FSA Commercial

Email

fsa.commercial@food.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI32 - Westminster

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.food.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.food.gov.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

National Reference Laboratory for Feed and Food Additives

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The appointed laboratory will carry out the provision of services for the UK NRL for feed and food additives. The contract will be delivered over four years, starting 1st April 2025, to end 31st March 2029. There will be an optional 2-year extension that can be enacted by variation.

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: £382,503

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The FSA and FSS are responsible for Official Feed and Food Controls across the UK.

The UK has a legal obligation to appoint NRLs for feed and food safety. NRLs provide advice and support to food, feed, and food contact materials enforcement laboratories and the FSA and FSS to ensure a harmonised approach to food safety enforcement. NRLs are responsible for setting standards for routine procedures and reliable testing methods in the regulated areas of feed and food. This delivers consumer protection and effective, risk-based, and proportionate regulation and enforcement.

The appointed laboratory will carry out the provision of services for the UK NRL for feed and food additives.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Tender Summary and objectives / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: The plan and deliverables / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Organisational experience, expertise and staff effort / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Project Management / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Risk Management / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Quality management, ethics, data protection, dissemination and sustainability / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 20

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

Open procedure

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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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

9 January 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Fera Science Limited

York Biotech Campus Sand Hutton York

Biotech Campus

YO41 1LZ

Email

tracker@fera.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

09413107

Internet address

<http://www.capita.com>

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £382,503

Total value of the contract/lot: £382,503

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Food Standards Agency

YO1 7PR

York

7PR

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.food.gov.uk/>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Food Standards Agency

Floors 6 and 7, Clive House, 70 Petty France

London

SW1H 9EX

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.food.gov.uk/>