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Contract

# Molecular data generation and biobanking river biofilm samples

**ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (Defra Network eTendering Portal)** 

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# **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### I.1) Name and addresses

**ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (Defra Network eTendering Portal)** 

17 Nobel House

London

SW1P 3JR

#### **Email**

network.procurement@defra.gov.uk

#### Country

**United Kingdom** 

## Region code

UK - United Kingdom

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs

Buyer's address

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

## I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

# I.5) Main activity

Environment

# **Section II: Object**

## II.1) Scope of the procurement

# II.1.1) Title

Molecular data generation and biobanking river biofilm samples

Reference number

C5573

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 73111000 - Research laboratory services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Molecular data generation and biobanking river biofilm samples

#### 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: £393,091.36

## II.2) Description

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

• 73111000 - Research laboratory services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

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

The aim of this project is to generate large molecular datasets from river biofilm samples and conduct some preliminary exploratory analyses. The dataset will also be explored in other projects to understand which aspects of the data are most informative for assessing ecosystem health, function and change in freshwater systems. All data will be generated using a DNA extraction protocol currently under optimisation and information on primer sets for amplicon sequencing different taxonomic groups will be supplied by the project manager. A DNA sample archiving method will also be developed, and samples stored for future use.

#### II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for a further year.

#### 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 was a call off from the Research, Development and Evidence Framework.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

#### 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

17 January 2023

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology

Maclean Building, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, OX10 8BB

Wallingford

**OX10 8BB** 

Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

• UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

11314957

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: £393,091.36

Total value of the contract/lot: £393,091.36

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

# VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A
Email
publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk
Country
United Kingdom
Internet address
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scopeand-remit
VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures
Public Procurement Review Body
N/A
N/A
N/A
Email
publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk
Country
United Kingdom
Internet address
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit