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Contract

**89980**

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0297cd

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

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#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73110000 - Research services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

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#### **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: £89,980

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

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

Cabbage stem flea beetle (CSFB; *Psylliodes chrysocephala* L.) is a major threat to the UK oilseed rape (OSR) industry. Since the ban on neo-nicotinoids, the UK area of Winter OSR has progressively fallen year on year to the point that the future of this crop is now in doubt. We will work with a wide network of UK farmers (c. 200), drawn from those participating in the successful NIAB crowd-sourcing assessment (>1200 participants in 2019). This project will combine focussed large-plot studies on-farm and at NIAB's OSR focus centre (Duxford) to evaluate the cost and impact of practical combinations of management as alternative approaches to neonicotinoids to control CSFB for WOSR

production and the wider rotation. We will evaluate within farmer practise the cost and effectiveness of alternative CSFB management interventions, and the effectiveness of on-farm monitoring to guide decision-making, to limit the impact of CSFB for WOSR crops (yield and margin) and in the wider rotational context.

The project is closely allied with separate AHDB-funded work on the phenology and population ecology of CSFB, and a network of on-farm evaluation of changed management led by ADAS. This project will work closely with those project teams. We also recognise that there is a plethora of on-going work funded by the industry and farmers themselves, hence by integrating these projects, we are particularly seeking to co-ordinate existing resource to maximise benefit rather than to duplicate effort. We will work to improve information-sharing, co-ordination and collaboration across the agri-industry (within commercial and data protection constraints) as we continue to address the challenges of CSFB, together with changing weather patterns, on the establishment and management of Winter OSR.

#### **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

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## **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:

Single Tender Action

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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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**

1 August 2020

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

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

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

NIAB

93 Lawrence Weaver Road, Cambridge,

Cambridgeshire

CB3 0LE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £89,980

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Defra

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