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Contract

Provision of Hive Side Training

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY

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Scope

Reference

C32606

Description

Provision of Hive Side Training as part of the Healthy Bees Plan.

Through the provision of hive side training the awarded contractor will provide training to intermediate hobbyist beekeepers to teach beekeepers how to recognise pests and diseases and ensure good husbandry practices.

The requirement is separated into three lots covering three regions:

Lot 1: North of England and Midlands.

Lot 2: South of England.

Lot 3: Wales

Note on start date: the contract start date was 9/1/26

Lot 1. Lot 1: North of England and Midlands

Description

Provision of hive side training in the North of England and Midlands.

Lot 2. Lot 2: South of England.

Description

Provision of hive side training in the South of England.

Lot 3. Lot 3 Wales

Description

Provision of hive side training in Wales

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Lots

Lot 1. Lot 1: North of England and Midlands

Lot 2. Lot 2: South of England.

Lot 3. Lot 3 Wales

Supplier

- [The Bee Farmers Association Ltd](#)

Contract value

- £406,000 excluding VAT
- £487,200 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

16 January 2026

Contract dates

- 17 January 2026 to 30 November 2026
- Possible extension to 30 November 2030
- 4 years, 10 months, 15 days

Description of possible extension:

Subject to success in year 1 and ongoing budget approval, the contract may be extended in one year increments.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80531200 - Technical training services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 80540000 - Environmental training services
- 77100000 - Agricultural services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77110000 - Services incidental to agricultural production
- 80510000 - Specialist training services
- 16640000 - Bee-keeping machinery
- 80531000 - Industrial and technical training services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Key performance indicators

Name	Description	Reporting frequency
Course Attendance	Utilisation rate of each course, 3 months calculated per the below formula: Number of Learners in Attendance / Maximum Number of Learners.	
Learner Outcomes	Learners which score the course 3 or higher AND report how they will change keeping their bees to improve bee health.	3 months
Course Visits	Compliance to the Authority's specification and the Supplier's Tender.	3 months
Reporting	Number of reports submitted to 3 months agreement timescales.	
Invoicing	Percentage of accurate invoices and salvage payments, where applicable, received on time.	3 months

Participation

This procurement was reserved for

Supported employment providers

Submission

Submission type

Tenders

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Supplier

The Bee Farmers Association Ltd

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNHH-5323-ZJYG

The Ramblers Salters Lane Ludgershall

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Region: UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government