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Provision of Wildlife Scanning Surveillance

Defra Network eTendering Portal

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Wildlife Scanning Surveillance

Reference number

32072

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 85200000 - Veterinary services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Surveillance Intelligence Unit (SIU) at APHA manages veterinary scanning surveillance activities to quickly detect, characterise and manage threats and risks in livestock and wildlife in Great Britain. The SIU generates intelligence on these animal health threats from information and data gathered through the Great Britain (GB) diagnostic network, from a variety of sources, including networks of specialist expertise both within and external to APHA. Threats are diverse and can include:

- A novel disease or pathogen such as Schmallenberg virus
- Exotic or notifiable disease, such as Bluetongue
- A new pathogen variant or subtype, such as the RHD2 variant in rabbits
- Novel or rare antimicrobial resistance, such as transferable colistin resistance
- Public health concern due to zoonoses or toxicity, such as Salmonella
- Changes in endemic disease trends

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: £800,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Services to support APHA delivery of surveillance of wildlife disease which may threaten human, livestock and wildlife health in England and Wales. The services required in order to deliver this are:

- Providing high quality surveillance data through a number of different reports to APHA.
- Providing specialist advice services
- Carrying out field investigations of wildlife mortality across the country
- Carrying out post-mortem examinations and laboratory investigations of wildlife carcasses.
- Providing threat notification where a new or perceived threat is identified to APHA.

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

II.2.14) Additional information

If you have concerns regarding this decision please ensure that you contact Melanie Swain, Defra Group Commercial, at john.forecast@defra.gov.uk clearly detailing the basis of your concerns within 10 calendar days of the publication of this notice.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Following a market engagement & review by APHA in 2017, the Institute of Zoology were identified as the only supplier capable of delivering these services due to the unique expertise, specialised training, resources, capability and capacity required. IoZ were also in a unique position to collect data from alternative sources via the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) Garden Wildlife Health Scheme.

These services include:

- Monthly Emerging Threat Reports
- Monthly Horizon-Scanning report on wildlife disease threats identified globally
- Specialist advice including ad-hoc consultancy on specific disease issues/threats
- Post-mortem examinations performed to ISO17025 standard
- Laboratory diagnosis/investigations performed to ISO17025 standard
- Sample collection for West Nile Virus (WNV) testing
- Bio-secure carcass storage facilities
- Threat notification

Given APHA's close working relation with the market through professional associations & contractually, the Agency is satisfied that the market situation has not changed since the previous market engagement was conducted. Therefore, STA justification is on the grounds of PCR 2015 clause 32(b)(b):

(ii) competition is absent for technical reasons.

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/concession

Contract No

32072

Title

Provision of Wildlife Scanning Surveillance

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

8 March 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Institute of Zoology

London

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £800,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Royal Courts of Justice

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Country

United Kingdom