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Planning

Monitoring of contaminants in UK cereals used for processing food and animal feed

AHDB (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

AHDB (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

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Country

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/agriculture-and-horticulture-development-board>

Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Agriculture

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Monitoring of contaminants in UK cereals used for processing food and animal feed

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77100000 - Agricultural services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Monitoring of contaminants in UK cereals used for processing food and animal feed

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 77100000 - Agricultural services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

AHDB is highly valued by the cereals industry for its independent work on monitoring

agrochemical residues and contaminants since the mid-1980s, with the latest phase running from 2016 and concluding in Summer 2025. Food security and safety remains a priority issue for UK agriculture. There is need for continued investment in this work, as ensuring the safety and quality of the major UK cereals for human consumption and animal feed remains a top priority for the agricultural industry. This activity fits within the Independent, practical research and market intelligence pillar of the AHDB Cereals & Oilseeds sector plan (2022–2027).

Continued monitoring of contaminants in cereals across the supply chain is essential in order to provide scientific evidence and assure the cereal industry their products are safe, and of good quality, for use in the domestic and export markets. The data generated by previous phases of the project has been used to inform discussion on new legislation and growing demands on supply, as well as be a vital source to demonstrate due diligence. AHDB is looking for a contractor to undertake these services.

These services are seasonal as related to harvest and dependent on Trade partners receiving samples and sending them to the contractor timeously; this is imperative to align with the ongoing project and deliverables to industry.

II.2.14) Additional information

This PIN is to advise interested bidders of this upcoming opportunity which will be published via Find a Tender. We expect to advertise from the 7th to the 12th March 2025.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

12 March 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No