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Contract

## **Travel and Accommodation Management Services**

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board

Middlemarch Business Park, Siskin Parkway East

Coventry

CV3 4PE

#### **Contact**

Procurement Team

#### **Email**

[procurement@ahdb.org.uk](mailto:procurement@ahdb.org.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.ahdb.org.uk](http://www.ahdb.org.uk)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Agriculture

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Travel and Accommodation Management Services

Reference number

STA10214

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 63516000 - Travel management services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

To provide travel management services for complex overseas bookings for a period of 12 months, provisioning time for a structured and robust procurement exercise early 2026.

#### **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: £300,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

To provide travel management services for complex overseas bookings from 21/02/2025 to 28/02/2026, provisioning time for a structured and robust procurement exercise early 2026.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Global, multi-destination and group travel / Weighting: 80

Cost criterion - Name: Best value itineraries / Weighting: 20

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: 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:

Framework suppliers have been unable to effectively meet service requirements in respect of multi traveller, global trips with complex itineraries, which has led to fragmented ad-hoc travel bookings.

This direct award represents establishing a more assured short-term service provision with clearer terms, provisioning effective time (recognising complexities of specified requirements, contract terms, and evaluation criteria) to undertake a competitive procurement for longer term contract requirements

#### **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**

18 February 2025

#### **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**

Travel Counsellors Limited

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Companies House

02133414

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £300,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

AHDB

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