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Award

## **Qube licences and development**

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

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## **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

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

**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**

Qube licences and development

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

Services

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

Qube Software (SaaS) Licences for the Environmental Agency for a period of 4 years. In addition to the licence the contract will include optional development day for development of the Qube system. The total value of the contract includes £100,000 per year for the development days.

#### **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: £545,521

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The Environment Agency intends to directly award a contract to Wallingford HydroSolutions for Qube Software (SaaS) Licences. The contract is planned to start on 1st April 2023 and run for 4 years.

The value covers the full four year period and includes a value for optional development days.

Regulation 32 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015, Section 2 B ii and iii (competition is absent for technical reasons and the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights) is the justification used for the awarding of this contract directly to the supplier without competition.

This notice advises that the Environment Agency has decided to award the contract with the named provider on a Direct Award basis and is published for reasons of transparency.

## **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:

STA justification based on Regulation 32 of the Public Contract Regulations 2015, Section 2 B ii and iii (competition is absent for technical reasons and the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights). WHS is the sole supplier and provider of the Qube licence and owner's of the IPR and source code for the bespoke Environment Agency functionality.

#### **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/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

26 February 2023

#### **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**

Wallingford HydroSolutions Ltd

Stables 4, Howbery Business Park, Benson Lane,

Wallingford

OX10 8BA

Telephone

+44 1491822820

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

05025973

Internet address

<https://www.hydrosolutions.co.uk/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £545,521

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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