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## **Open Access LandIS Portal**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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

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

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Open Access LandIS Portal

Reference number

C28125

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90700000 - Environmental services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

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Defra and Cranfield University are working towards reducing or removing some of the licencing restrictions pertaining to the afore mentioned datasets.

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.6) Original notice reference

Notice number: [2025/S 000-005783](#)

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## Section VII. Changes

### VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice

Section number

II.1.4.1

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