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Contract

**248038.13**

The Food Standards Agency

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-030a4e

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

The Food Standards Agency

Foss House, Peasholme Green

York

YO1 7PR

#### **Email**

[FSA.Procurement@food.gov.uk](mailto:FSA.Procurement@food.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.food.gov.uk](http://www.food.gov.uk)

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

248038.13

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

Services

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

This research falls under the Operational Transformation Programme (OTP) which aims to modernise the regulatory framework for the Official Controls. Food Business

Operators (FBOs) in the meat, wine and dairy sectors all have a direct relationship with

the Food Standards Agency (FSA) via its Official Controls, including inspections, enforcement, advice and guidance.

In 2020, the FSA piloted research to better understand the views that FBOs in England and Wales had of the FSA and Official Controls. This research explored several areas including overall views of the FSA, FBOs understanding of the FSA's role and purpose, what FBOs value about the FSA and criticisms, FBOs experience of certain FSA processes, ease of compliance with FSA guidelines and requirements and their satisfaction with FSA communications. The research consisted of both quantitative and qualitative interviews with wine and meat FBOs and quantitative interviews with dairy FBOs.

#### **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: £248,038.13

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

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The findings report 'FSA and Official Controls: Research with food business operators'

was published in July 2020. The findings from the quantitative part of this research will form a baseline for the research we are now commissioning.

The FSA would like to commission this research to understand the views that FBOs now have, to identify and monitor changes in these views over time and the impact of FSA initiatives.

We are commissioning this research for three further waves to be conducted on a biennial basis in 2022, 2024 and 2026. There will be a break clause after each wave of research has been delivered to review the need for the research, the process and to ensure alignment with FSA priorities.

The current objectives of this project are to:

1. Understand the views that FBOs have of the FSA and official controls;
2. Understand if and why these views change over time;
3. Gain insight and understand the impact of societal events, including Covid-19 and the EU exit, on FBOs views of the FSA;
4. In 2024 and 2026, understand and monitor the effects of FSA initiatives, particularly those introduced as part of the OTP, on FBOs views.

Mid-tier Contract

Project Version: v1.0 56

Model Version: v1.0

These aims and objectives will be reviewed after each wave of research to ensure that the research continues to be aligned to FSA priorities. The contractor will need to work with the FSA to review all aspects of the research (from design to outputs) at each

wave.

The research will cover meat, game, wine, dairy, and shellfish FBOs across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. In England and Wales there are approximately 870 meat FBOs (46 of which are approved game handling establishments), 797 vineyards and wineries, 1379 wine warehouses / traders and 8313 dairy FBOs. FBOs of all sizes are of interest and so the supplier will be required to draw participants from a range of FBOs to reflect this spread and ensure representative views are gathered.

### **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**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2022/S 000-000950](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

FS430936

### **Title**

FSA and Official Controls: Research with food business operators

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

14 March 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 6

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

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

IFF Research Ltd

London

EC3R 6HD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £248,038.13

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

FSA

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