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## **Bacterial Contamination of Bivalve Molluscs FS616026 NRL**

Food Standards Agency

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Call for competition

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-009262

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-044b6b

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

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

Food Standards Agency

Floors 6 and 7, Clive House, 70 Petty France

London

SW1H 9EX

#### **Contact**

FSA Commercial

#### **Email**

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

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKI32 - Westminster

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.food.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.food.gov.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

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**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**

Bacterial Contamination of Bivalve Molluscs FS616026 NRL

Reference number

FS616026

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

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

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

Services

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

The National Reference Laboratories (NRLs) designated by the FSA and FSS in accordance with Assimilated Law 2017/625 are a critical part of our national infrastructure for delivering a safe and authentic food system. The NRLs play a pivotal role in food safety enforcement by providing support and impartial expert advice to Official Laboratories (OLs) and for the FSA and FSS on testing of food and feed, identifying new areas of research interest and emerging threats, developing novel analytical methods and providing advice and testing capability during an emergency incident.

The appointed laboratory will carry out the provision of services for the UK National Reference Laboratory (NRL) for bacteriological contamination of live bivalve molluscs.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

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- 73111000 - Research laboratory services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

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

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical criteria / Weighting: 80

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial criteria / Weighting: 20

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 April 2025

End date

31 March 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Possible 2 year extension.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Contract length is 4 years, with a possible 2 year extension.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted 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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest**

Date

18 April 2024

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Food Standards Agency

Floors 6 and 7, Clive House, 70 Petty France

London

SW1H 9EX

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.food.gov.uk/>

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Food Standards Agency

YO1 7PR

York

7PR

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.food.gov.uk/>

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Food Standards Agency

Floors 6 and 7, Clive House, 70 Petty France

London

SW1H 9EX

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.food.gov.uk/>