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Contract

Provision of Dead Wild Bird Avian Influenza Surveillance

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Dead Wild Bird Avian Influenza Surveillance

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90711500 - Environmental monitoring other than for construction

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

APHA requires the Contractor to carry out the provision of Dead Wild Bird AI Surveillance and other Wildlife health activities across a number of Specified Reserves in Great Britain on behalf of the Authority in accordance with sections 2 and 3.

Service A - Dead Wild Bird AI Surveillance

To assess the occurrence of AI viruses in Dead Wild Waterbirds on mainland Great Britain by Surveillance at the Specified Reserves.

Service B - GB Wildlife Disease Surveillance Partnership (GB WDSP)

To contribute to British Wildlife Health Surveillance as a member of the GB Wildlife Disease Surveillance Partnership.

Service C - Ad hoc Advice

To contribute ornithological and Wildlife Health advice and fieldwork on an ad hoc basis within the mainland GB Specified Reserves and any third-party sites in close proximity where requested. Any work commissioned on third party sites would be subject to a Change Control Note for an additional payment, to be agreed with the Authority before any work is undertaken.

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: £196,225.72

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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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

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

- No tenders or no suitable tenders/requests to participate in response to restricted procedure
- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Contractor is in a unique position in having reserve wardens who have historically collected waterbird carcasses as part of the organisation's long-term wildlife health monitoring programmes. The contractor manages nine important wetland reserves in the UK with eight of these based in England and Wales and one in Northern Ireland. All samples for this project will be collected from the England and Wales Locations.

A fundamental requirement of the contract is to sample wild bird carcasses across mainland GB where there are known large bird gatherings (i.e. at wildlife reserves), APHA has already explored other organisations that have a similar portfolio of reserves and established that WWT is uniquely placed as they have (a) the portfolio of reserves with an appropriate GB coverage, (b) the staff with trained expertise to swab and sample the carcasses at each site, and (c) the scientific expertise to provide APHA with specialist advice that they do not possess in house.

The WWT sites have a large range of wild bird species coming through their sites which provide a good insight into AIV prevalence as wild populations migrate in and out of Great Britain. Continuing to carry out surveillance across the same sites which are currently monitored via the outgoing contract will also provide the benefit of consistency and comparison of trends with previous years

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

1 April 2022

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

Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust New Grounds Slimbridge Gloucestershire GL2 7BT

Slimbridge

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: £196,225.72

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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