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Award

DAC 03/26 Purchase of FlowCam Cyano

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

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Scope

Reference

DAC 03/26 - ID 6379686

Description

The equipment is required to improve monitoring of cyanobacteria (blue green algae) in bathing waters and other recreational sites.

Contract 1. Purchase of FlowCam Cyano

Supplier

- [Planet Ocean Limited](#)

Contract value

- £170,000 excluding VAT
- £204,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

11 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 12 February 2026 to 11 February 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)
- 38400000 - Instruments for checking physical characteristics
- 38500000 - Checking and testing apparatus
- 38200000 - Geological and geophysical instruments

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

- Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights
- Goods purchased on a commodity market

All public procurements should comply with Public Procurement Policy and Managing Public Money NI. The value of this Direct Award Contract (DAC) at £170,000 is above the UK threshold and therefore the Procurement Act 2023 and Procurement Regulations 2024 apply.

There are direct award justifications provided for under Section 41 and Schedule 5 of the PA23 which permit a Contracting Authority to award a public contract to a single supplier where the supplies or services can only be supplied by a particular supplier, and the following conditions are met:

- (a) due to a particular supplier having intellectual property rights or other exclusive rights, only that supplier can supply the goods, services or works required, and
- (b) there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works

Supplier

Planet Ocean Limited

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBMT-3252-TZBN

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. Purchase of FlowCam Cyano

Contracting authority

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLDR-5748-GBBJ

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Belfast

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Email: SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

CPD - Supplies & Services Division

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery - Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland.

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Contact organisation

Contact [CPD - Supplies & Services Division](#) for any enquiries.