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Award

## **ID 6020932 DAERA - CAFRE - Horticulture Pilot Scheme**

College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE)

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

ID 6020932

### **Description**

The College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE), are seeking to appoint a Supplier to design, administer and deliver the professional support element of the Horticulture Pilot Scheme, an initiative which aims to stimulate growth within Northern Ireland's (NI's) horticulture industry. The Pilot Horticulture Scheme is a key component of DAERA's Sustainable Agriculture Programme (SAP), which encompasses a range of strategic measures designed to support the long-term development and sustainability of the production horticulture industry in Northern Ireland. Suppliers should refer to the Specification Schedule for full detail on the deliverables and requirements of this contract. Neither CPD nor the Buyer can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract.

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## **Contract 1. ID 6020932 DAERA - CAFRE - Horticulture Pilot Scheme**

### **Supplier**

- [RSK ADAS Limited](#)

### **Contract value**

- £5,020,000 excluding VAT
- £6,028,800 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

9 February 2026

### **Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

9 February 2026

### **Standstill period**

- End: 18 February 2026
- 8 working days

## **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

20 February 2026

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 23 February 2026 to 30 April 2030
- Possible extension to 30 April 2031
- 5 years, 2 months, 6 days

Description of possible extension:

CAFRE reserve the right to extend the contract for an additional fifth year

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
  - 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
  - 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
  - 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
  - 79600000 - Recruitment services
  - 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
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## Information about tenders

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
  - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

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## Supplier

### RSK ADAS Limited

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQCY-9477-PLDH

Spring Lodge

Helsby

WA6 0AR

United Kingdom

Email: [tendernotices@adas.co.uk](mailto:tendernotices@adas.co.uk)

Region: UKD63 - Cheshire West and Chester

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE)**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYCL-3331-QQMP

Greenmount Campus, 45 Tirgracy Road

Antrim

BT41 4PS

United Kingdom

Email: [SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk](mailto:SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk)

Region: UKN0D - Antrim and Newtownabbey

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

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## Other organisation

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

### CPD - Supplies & Service 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

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWG-8426-YWXV

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Belfast

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

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## Contact organisation

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