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Contract

## **DAERA - AFBI - Appointment of a Shipyard for the Construction of a Research Vessel**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, The Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Body governed by public law

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

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

DAERA - AFBI - Appointment of a Shipyard for the Construction of a Research Vessel

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

- 34513550 - Survey vessels

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

Supplies

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

AFBI wishes to engage a shipyard for the construction of a new Research Vessel which is specifically tailored to meet AFBI's marine fisheries science requirements and be capable of technological update over a service life of 30 years minimum.

### **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: £28,152,000

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 35513200 - Auxiliary research vessel
- 63726800 - Research vessel services
- 34500000 - Ships and boats
- 34510000 - Ships
- 34512000 - Ships and similar vessels for the transport of persons or goods
- 34513100 - Fishing vessels
- 34513000 - Fishing, emergency and other special vessels
- 63726700 - Fishing-vessel services
- 98360000 - Marine services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: Qualitative Criteria / Weighting: 40

Cost criterion - Name: Quantitative Criterion / Weighting: 60

### **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

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

Any increases/modifications will be managed in accordance with the relevant public procurement regulations. Neither CPD nor the Contracting Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract. The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated. The issue of a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a period of twelve months from the date of issue of the Notice.

## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Competitive procedure with negotiation

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

The opportunity was mistakenly selected as an Accelerated Competitive Procedure with Negotiation at section IV 1.1). The correct procedure is Competitive Procedure with Negotiation and a corrigendum was published (2022/S 000-007696).

#### **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 000-007194](#)

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

### **Contract No**

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### **Title**

Contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

26 March 2024

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

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

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

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

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £22,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £28,152,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended

United Kingdom

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD complied with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and incorporated a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. This provided time for the unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into.