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Contract

## **35434 Continuous Plankton Recorder – Multi-decadal Time Series for Pelagic Ecosystems**

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-033c19

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

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

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United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

35434 Continuous Plankton Recorder – Multi-decadal Time Series for Pelagic Ecosystems

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 71354500 - Marine survey services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The Continuous Plankton Recorder (CPR) Survey is a 90 year long-term marine plankton monitoring programme consisting of a network of transects towed each month across the Atlantic and European shelf seas. The CPR Survey delivers highly important, policy-relevant, strategic research. Research outputs are currently used to monitor changes in marine biodiversity and food webs and have enabled the development of indicators which assess the ecological health of UK regional seas under the UK Marine Strategy (UKMS), the Defra 25 Year Environment Plan and OSPAR biodiversity commitments. OSPAR is

the mechanism by which 15 Governments & the EU cooperate to protect the marine environment of the North-East Atlantic.

#### **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: £3,760,219

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The project has the following objectives:

1. Maintenance of Core Observing System
2. Maintenance of Quality and Expertise
3. Innovative Marine Ecological Research
4. Data Provision and Model Validation

#### **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

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## **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

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Absence of competition for technical reasons due to ownership of historical data and intellectual property rights for the survey equipment.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

### **Title**

35434 Continuous Plankton Recorder – Multi-decadal Time Series for Pelagic Ecosystems

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

19 May 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**

Marine Biological Association

The Laboratory, Citadel Hill

Plymouth

PL1 2PB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,760,219

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

The Court of England and Wales

Various

Country

United Kingdom