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Contract

CEFAS23-02 Contract for the provision of Baited Remote Underwater Video Systems (BRUVS) and associated services

Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science

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

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.cefas.co.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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

CEFAS23-02 Contract for the provision of Baited Remote Underwater Video Systems (BRUVS) and associated services

Reference number

CEFAS23-02

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73112000 - Marine research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

As part of the Blue Belt Programme, a Baited Remote Underwater Video (BRUV) network has been established across the UK Overseas Territories. The supplier is contracted to provide unique BRUV systems, along with associated services.

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: £600,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As part of the Blue Belt Programme, a Baited Remote Underwater Video (BRUV) network

has been established across the UK Overseas Territories. The supplier is contracted to provide unique BRUV systems, along with associated services.

Since the start of the programme in 2020, BRUVS kits have been delivered to thirteen OTs, held in person and online training sessions, supported survey design, visited some of the OTs to provide fieldwork support, completed analysis, shared results and knowledge within the BRUVS network, and upgraded some of the BRUVS equipment with deeper water capabilities.

During the next phase of the programme, the focus will be on survey delivery, analysis, continual improvement, knowledge sharing, increasing the reach of the network, and to begin to provide educational support to the current OTs. There is the possibility that South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and Sovereign Base Areas of Administration for Cyprus may join the programme, which would require new BRUVS equipment, training and potentially visits to support initial survey fieldwork in these OTs.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 100

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 0

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

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The rig design, software and associated AI analysis rights are owned by Blue Abacus and Cefas would not be able to purchase software / AI analysis compatible with this elsewhere. BRUVS supplied by the Blue Abacus are already used in certain Overseas Territories and this purchase for Cefas would ensure that by buying the same equipment, software and AI analysis services, the data will be collected and analysed consistently with data already collected and analysed in the other Overseas Territories. Purchase of these BRUVS would support the ability to create a cross territory BRUV network as part of the Blue Belt Programme. It is therefore critical that the data informing the management and conservation of a range of species and habitats is collected in a consistent, comparable and statistically robust manner.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

16 May 2023

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

Blue Abacus Ltd

30 de Castro Ct, Wickhams Cay 1 – PO Box 4519, Road Town

Tortola

VG1110

Country

British Virgin Islands

NUTS code

- VG - British Virgin Islands

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: £600,000

Lowest offer: £600,000 / Highest offer: £600,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

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Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>