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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

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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

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## **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

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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 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

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## **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

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

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