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Contract

Sampling and testing of Shiga toxin-producing E. coli in waterways

Food Standards Agency

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Scope

Reference

C391032

Description

The Food Standards Agency has awarded a contract for sampling and testing of shiga toxin-producing e-coli (STEC) in waterways.

The purpose of the work described here is to characterise the diversity of STEC strains present in the environment nearby areas used for farming different livestock species, by sampling and testing nearby waterways. By establishing a better “fingerprint” of STEC strains typically associated with livestock farm types, we can attribute the proportion of human STEC cases to different livestock species which will help to understand sources and pathways of contamination of secondary food types such as salad crops.

Understanding what proportion of human cases of STEC are attributable to different livestock farm types may also help growers take a proportionate risk management approach to protecting consumers.

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Supplier

- 20/30 Labs Ltd

Contract value

- £265,017.20 excluding VAT
- £318,020.64 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

16 February 2026

Contract dates

- 16 February 2026 to 31 May 2027
- Possible extension to 31 August 2027
- 1 year, 6 months, 13 days

Description of possible extension:

3 month term only extension

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73110000 - Research services

Key performance indicators

Name	Description	Reporting frequency
Deliverables carried out on time	Performance Measure: at least 98% at all times	at least 3 months
Invoicing carried out as per completion of Deliverables and Schedule of Payments	Performance Measure: at least 98% at all times	at least 3 months

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

20/30 Labs Ltd

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Food Standards Agency

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJRM-6866-LYYX

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKE21 - York

Organisation type: Public authority - central government