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## **FS900109a Microbiological Testing for Northern Ireland 1-5**

Food Standards Agency

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-015623

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-045a32

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

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

Food Standards Agency

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London

SW1H 9EX

#### **Contact**

FSA Commercial

#### **Email**

[fsa.commercial@food.gov.uk](mailto:fsa.commercial@food.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKI32 - Westminster

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.food.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.food.gov.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

FS900109a Microbiological Testing for Northern Ireland 1-5

Reference number

FS900109a / C285255

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The NI NRLs will deliver the OCR regulatory requirements for NI, aligning with European Union Reference Laboratories (EURLs) work programmes, wherever possible. They will build strong communication networks with NI Official Laboratories (OLs) designated within NI and across the EU, providing them with support, training and advice, where needed. Although there is limited ability to share EU-RL-related information between NI NRLs and NRLs in GB, FSA encourages communication between them, where this is beneficial to NRL functions. This is a 4 year contract with an optional 2 year extension.

This is a 4 year contract with an optional 2 year extension. The estimated value of the Contract is estimated to be between £0 - £750,000 (inc VAT) for the total duration, including the 2 year extension. The FSA is not required to take the extension.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

2. Lot 1 NRL for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

Lot No

1

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

[www.food.gov.uk](http://www.food.gov.uk)

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

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement

documents

## **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 April 2025

End date

31 March 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The FSA is entitled to extend the Contract by 2 years subject to giving notice in accordance with the terms of the Contract. See the Award Form and Core Terms of the Contract for more information.

## **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

## **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

3. Lot 2 NRL for Campylobacter, Listeria monocytogenes, and Salmonella

Lot No

2

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

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

The NI NRLs will deliver the OCR regulatory requirements for NI, aligning with European Union Reference Laboratories (EURLs) work programmes, wherever possible. They will build strong communication networks with NI Official Laboratories (OLs) designated within NI and across the EU, providing them with support, training and advice, where needed. Although there is limited ability to share EU-RL-related information between NI NRLs and NRLs in GB, FSA encourages communication between them, where this is beneficial to NRL functions. This is a 4 year contract with an optional 2 year extension.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

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End date

31 March 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

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Description of renewals

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## **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

## **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

4. Lot 3 NRL for Coagulase positive Staphylococci (including Staphylococcus aure

Lot No

3

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

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

The NI NRLs will deliver the OCR regulatory requirements for NI, aligning with European Union Reference Laboratories (EURLs) work programmes, wherever possible. They will build strong communication networks with NI Official Laboratories (OLs) designated within NI and across the EU, providing them with support, training and advice, where needed. Although there is limited ability to share EU-RL-related information between NI NRLs and NRLs in GB, FSA encourages communication between them, where this is beneficial to NRL functions. This is a 4 year contract with an optional 2 year extension.

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

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## **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 April 2025



End date

31 March 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The FSA is entitled to extend the Contract by 2 years subject to giving notice in accordance with the terms of the Contract. See the Award Form and Core Terms of the Contract for more information.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

5. Lot 4 NRL for Escherichia coli, including Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC

Lot No

4

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 71900000 - Laboratory services

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

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

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

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### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 April 2025

End date

31 March 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

6. Lot 5 NRL for Foodborne Viruses (including bivalve molluscs)

Lot No

5

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 73110000 - Research laboratory services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

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

The NI NRLs will deliver the OCR regulatory requirements for NI, aligning with European Union Reference Laboratories (EURLs) work programmes, wherever possible. They will build strong communication networks with NI Official Laboratories (OLs) designated within NI and across the EU, providing them with support, training and advice, where needed. Although there is limited ability to share EU-RL-related information between NI NRLs and NRLs in GB, FSA encourages communication between them, where this is beneficial to NRL functions. This is a 4 year contract with an optional 2 year extension.

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

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### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

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End date

31 March 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The FSA is entitled to extend the Contract by 2 years subject to giving notice in accordance with the terms of the Contract. See the Award Form and Core Terms of the Contract for more information.

## **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

## **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**

Open procedure

### **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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

17 June 2024

Local time

12:00pm

**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

17 June 2024

Local time

12:00pm

Place

All bids will be opened using the e-procurement site Atamis.

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

All bids will be opened at noon on the tender opening date, bids received after this time may be excluded and may not be evaluated.

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: The FSA is entitled to extend the Contract by 2 years subject to giving notice in accordance with the terms of the Contract. See the Award Form and Core Terms of the Contract for more information.

### VI.3) Additional information

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### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

High Court and Court of Appeal of England and Wales

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

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