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## **Additives and Food Improvement Agents Testing for Northern Ireland**

Food Standards Agency

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-015627

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-045a34

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

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

Food Standards Agency

Floors 6 and 7, Clive House, 70 Petty France

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

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**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**

Additives and Food Improvement Agents Testing for Northern Ireland

Reference number

FS900109g / C285312

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The National Reference Laboratory(ies) for Feed Additives and Food Improvement Agents for Northern Ireland (NI) will play a vital role in protecting consumers from feeds containing harmful or unauthorised additives or from foods containing unauthorised Food Improvement Agents. The NRL will provide specialist advice as requested by the FSA and technical support to the NI enforcement process for food, feed and products thereof.

This is a dual lot tender. Tenders are invited to bid for one lot or both lots together; please provide details of any applicable discount for multiple awards within the Financial Template.

The designated laboratory(ies) will carry out the provision of Services for the NRLs for NI for the following areas:

Lot 1 NRL for Additives for use in Animal Nutrition

Lot 2 NRL for Food Improvement Agents

This is a 4 year contract with an optional 2 year extension.

The value of the Contract is estimated to be between £0 - £174,000 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 Additives for use in Animal Nutrition

Lot No

1

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

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

[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 Food Improvement Agents

Lot No

2

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
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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

24 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



24 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 closing 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

Email

[internationalrelationsrudicialoffice@judiciary.uk](mailto:internationalrelationsrudicialoffice@judiciary.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/>