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Contract

Biological Control of Invasive Non-Native Riparian Weeds

Defra

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02cdc9

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Biological Control of Invasive Non-Native Riparian Weeds

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Research to enable cost-effective, long-term and species-specific control of priority INNS plants, which cost Great Britain approximately £2 billion a year by having significant impacts on biodiversity, infrastructure, flooding, the economy and safety.

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: £372,070

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Research to enable cost-effective, long-term and species-specific control of priority INNS plants, which cost Great Britain approximately £2 billion a year by having significant impacts on biodiversity, infrastructure, flooding, the economy and safety.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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:

This is a direct award contract based on the fact that only CABI can currently conduct this work in the UK. It is the sole holder of several plant health quarantine licences required to undertake this research and to use and/or release the necessary control agents. CABI is in a unique position to source and import agents from their native range due to well-established relationships with respective national counterparts and a proven track record of exportation supported by the necessary permits. It is the only research team in the UK with experience and knowhow to use these control agents, including maintaining cultures and mass-rearing. CABI has the specialist laboratory and facilities required to undertake this research.

CABI is therefore currently unique in the UK in terms of its level of experience and reputation in weed biocontrol (with both arthropods and pathogens) and the necessary licensed facilities.

CABI has secured a European patent in the name of the Secretary of State for the development of a mycoherbicide to target *Mycosphaerella* leafspot (a leafspot fungal disease); and is currently currently pursuing North American patents.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

9 July 2021

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

CABI

Wallingford

OX10 8DE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £372,070

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom