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# National Reference Laboratory for genetically modified organisms

Food Standards Agency

F02: Contract notice

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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

SW1H9EX

#### Contact

**FSA Commercial** 

#### **Email**

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

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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

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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

Section II: Object

## II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

National Reference Laboratory for genetically modified organisms

Reference number

C282050

#### 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 FSA and FSS are responsible for Official Feed and Food Controls across the UK. The UK has a legal obligation to appoint NRLs for feed and food safety. NRLs provide advice and support to food, feed, and food contact materials enforcement laboratories and the FSA and FSS to ensure a harmonised approach to food safety enforcement. NRLs are responsible for setting standards for routine procedures and reliable testing methods in the regulated areas of feed and food. This delivers consumer protection and effective, risk-based, and proportionate regulation and enforcement.

The appointed laboratory will carry out the provision of services for the UK NRL for feed and food additives. The contract will be delivered over four years, starting 1st April 2025, to end 31st March 2029. There will be an optional 2-year extension that can be enacted by variation. The applicant is required to submit a quote covering the full 4 years period and are encouraged to provide intelligent estimates for the lifespan of the contract at the outset, considering any foreseen increases (or decreases) over time. If significant changes need to be made throughout the contract, then these will be discussed, as necessary, with the appointed contractor.

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

The estimated value of the Contract is estimated to be between £0 - £1,137,257.51 (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: No

## II.2) Description

#### 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
- 73111000 Research laboratory services
- 71900000 Laboratory services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

#### www.food.gov.uk

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

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changes need to be made throughout the contract, then these will be discussed, as necessary, with the appointed contractor.

#### 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

Nο

#### 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.2.14) Additional information

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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 July 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 July 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.

# **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

Country

**United Kingdom** 

Internet address

https://www.judiciary.uk/