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## **National Reference Laboratory for genetically modified organisms**

Food Standards Agency

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-018160

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-046f5a

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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**

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](http://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

No

#### **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.

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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/>