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Award

Provision of an emergency transportation and housing service for animals whose welfare has been compromised

Staffordshire County Council

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Scope

Reference

IA3777

Description

This relates to the provision for an emergency service at short notice, for the transportation and housing for animals that are subject to intervention by Staffordshire County Council because of compromised statutory animal health and welfare controls.

As the welfare of the animals will have been compromised the contractor will need to be local to Staffordshire to minimise the distance travelled to prevent any unnecessary suffering during transportation. The contractor needs to be within a 100-mile radius from the location of the incident to where the animals will be temporarily housed.

Contract 1

Supplier

- F REDFERN & SONS LTD

Contract value

- £600,000 excluding VAT
- £720,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 March 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 29 February 2028
- Possible extension to 28 February 2030
- 3 years, 11 months

Description of possible extension:

2+1+1 term (4 years in total), with the options to extend at sole discretion of Staffordshire County Council.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 77500000 - Animal husbandry services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Extreme and unavoidable urgency

Animals needed to be taken in an unforeseen emergency and removed from the farms due to their welfare being severely compromised and, in the interim, there is a need to 'board' cattle with a suitable provider. There had not been the time to establish a contract as per the procurement regulations with this being the reason for this procurement.

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Staffordshire County Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZDG-2995-QQMD

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government