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## **CEFAS23-97 ITT for a Mackerel Tagging Vessel**

Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.cefas.co.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

CEFAS23-97 ITT for a Mackerel Tagging Vessel

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

- 60651000 - Hire of vessels with crew

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

Services

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

North East Atlantic Mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*), is a widely distributed stock which exhibits significant seasonal migrations. Having a solid understanding of these migrations, including occupancy of different areas, is critical to successfully managing the stock. To better understand stock movements, Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) Tags have been deployed in mackerel on the West coast of the UK and Ireland by Norway since 2011. However, areas of the North Sea are not included in Norway's tagging survey. Our study will aim to deploy tags in the North Sea, providing additional data to the international effort to understand stock characteristics, which will facilitate sustainable management of mackerel. Cefas require a suitable vessel to support the capture of mackerel and deployment of PIT tags in the North Sea. Cefas plan to deploy up to 15,000 tags on live mackerel and will provide a minimum of 6 personnel to tag the fish, working with the vessel to deliver the scientific objectives of the survey.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £840,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 34513100 - Fishing vessels

- 34513000 - Fishing, emergency and other special vessels
- 15241500 - Mackerel

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

North Sea

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

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The exact mobbing, transit, sea-days and demobbing dates will be agreed between Cefas and the skipper, but the days at sea will need to fall between the 11th September and 19th September 2023 due to scientific staff availability. The vessel must be available for seven consecutive days at sea within this period. The 2023 survey duration is 7 days but may be increased to cover bad weather days.

Subject to confirmation of funding, further surveys in subsequent years may be required. If confirmed, these will likely be conducted within the same time period each year. Subject to funding the duration of future surveys may be extended to approximately 14 days. The Contract could therefore be extended to undertake surveys for up to a further 3 years, however each extension period will be confirmed on an annual basis subject to confirmation of funding.

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £840,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

4 September 2023

End date

3 September 2027

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Subject to confirmation of funding, further surveys in subsequent years may be required. Subject to funding the duration of future surveys may be extended to approximately 14 days. The Contract could therefore be extended to undertake surveys for up to a further 3 years, however each extension period will be confirmed on an annual basis subject to confirmation of funding.

### **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

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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

7 August 2023

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**

Tender must be valid until: 3 October 2023

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

6 July 2023

Local time

2:00pm

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

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