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Contract

Genetically Modified Organisms in Food and Feed for Northern Ireland

Food Standards Agency

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-021104

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-045a25

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Food Standards Agency

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York

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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.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

Genetically Modified Organisms in Food and Feed for Northern Ireland

Reference number

FS900109d / C285059

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 designated laboratory will carry out the provision of Services for the National Reference Laboratory for Genetically Modified Organisms in Food and Feed for NI and will play a vital role in protecting consumers against the use of any unauthorised GMO ingredients in food and feed. The NRL will provide specialist advice as requested by the FSA and technical support to the NI enforcement process for food, feed and products thereof. The NRL will also provide support to the official control laboratories for NI for GMO control and will be required to identify and participate at international GMO meetings and networks to build expertise and knowledge in the area.

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: £46,045.40

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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

The value of the Contract is estimated to be between £0 for 4 years and the total of £78,000 for the total duration, including the 2 year extension. The FSA is not required to take the extension.

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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-015598](#)

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

1 October 2024

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

Portal Account Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES)

Spargelfeldstraße 191

Wein

1220

Telephone

+43 5055522019

Country

Austria

NUTS code

- AT - Austria

National registration number

FN223056z

Internet address

<https://www.ages.at/en/ages/locations>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1

Total value of the contract/lot: £46,045.40

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Food Standards Agency

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London

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