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Tender

## **FS430817 Transmission of AMR during the processing of chicken products**

The Food Standards Agency

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-023394

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02e2d5

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

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

The Food Standards Agency

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York

YO1 7PR

#### **Email**

[fsa.procurement@food.gov.uk](mailto:fsa.procurement@food.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.food.gov.uk](http://www.food.gov.uk)

## **I.3) Communication**

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

[www.food.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html](http://www.food.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html)

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**

FS430817 Transmission of AMR during the processing of chicken products

#### **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**

Tenders are invited to carry out a “field” and laboratory-based study to assess the transmission of AMR bacteria (at least E. coli) during the processing of chicken in at least two UK slaughterhouse and cutting plants. We envisaged that this project would track batches of chicken as they progress through the different stages in the slaughterhouse and cutting plant. It is anticipated that sampling would be undertaken from chicken and its components including caeca at key points in the slaughter and cutting process from whole incoming bird to finished whole or portioned chicken intended for onward distribution as well as environments and surfaces associated with these steps. We also expect there to be examination of samples (e.g. caeca and faecal contamination of cages) entering the slaughterhouse. It is important to consider the impact of successive flocks on subsequent contamination of chicken processed in the slaughterhouse and cutting plant so consideration should be given to inclusion of batches at the beginning and at the end of the day.

We expect the final report to include a full analysis of the AMR findings in relation to the impact of processing of chicken carcasses on AMR contamination to see if there are key areas that may require further investigation or intervention to reduce the spread of AMR bacteria.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

36

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

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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

1 November 2021

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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

Date

20 September 2021

Local time

12:00pm

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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**

Food Standards Agency

York

Country

United Kingdom