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Contract

CEFAS23-97 Contract for a Mackerel Tagging Vessel

Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science

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Lowestoft

NR33 0HT

Contact

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Email

procure@cefas.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

CEFAS23-97 Contract 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.

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

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: £400,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

North Sea

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

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: [2023/S 000-019291](#)

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 September 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Unity Fishing Co Ltd

Denholms, Maxwell place industrial estate

Fraserburgh

AB439SX

Telephone

+44 7841038075

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

00157635

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: £700,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £400,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>