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Contract

## **Bespoke soil sampling equipment for England Ecosystem Survey**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

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

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

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Bespoke soil sampling equipment for England Ecosystem Survey

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Provision of bespoke soil sampling equipment that were jointly developed by Natural England, Van Walt (supplier in England) and AMS (manufacturer in the USA). The equipment is required for England Ecosystem Survey soil sampling and assessment surveys.

#### **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: £165,430.25

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

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

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Single Tender Action

#### **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

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Single Tender Action with Van Walt UK under the Public Contract Regulations 2015: Regulation 32 (2) (b) (ii) – the negotiated procedure without prior publication may be used for public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts in any of the following cases: - (b) where the works, suppliers or services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator for any of the following reasons: - (ii) competition is absent for technical reasons.

Van Walt are the sole supplier of bespoke equipment produced by AMS (a US company). There is no option to source alternative equipment that could maintain consistency with scientific protocols and methodologies undertaken to date.

). The equipment was used in year 1 of the survey. 24 sets of equipment were purchased previously with the value exceeding £200k. They will be used together with new sets as the number of survey teams will be double compared to 2023/24 survey season.

This STA relates to the procurement of some additional pieces of this equipment, required to fulfil this year's survey scope and the three future years, should funding be available. Switching to different equipment would render data collected so far incomparable with new data.

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **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**

22 July 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Van Walt Ltd

Prestwick Lane Grayswood

Grayswood

GU27 2DU

Email

[ikky@vanwalt.com](mailto:ikky@vanwalt.com)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ25 - West Surrey

National registration number

1607564

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £165,430.25

Lowest offer: £165,430.25 / Highest offer: £165,430.25 taken into consideration

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## **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](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

[publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

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Internet address

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