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Contract

## **CEFAS21-86 C-19 Sequencing Services**

Cefas

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02cc0c

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

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

Cefas

Pakefield Road

Lowestoft

NR33 0HT

#### **Email**

[procure@cefas.co.uk](mailto:procure@cefas.co.uk)

#### **Telephone**

+44 1502527766

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKH - East of England

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.cefas.co.uk](http://www.cefas.co.uk)

**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**

CEFAS21-86 C-19 Sequencing Services

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 71620000 - Analysis services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Cefas is expanding the government's environmental sequencing capability as part of the EMHP programme led by JBC to increase SARS-CoV-2 sequencing from wastewater and to build capacity for wider environmental monitoring in the longer term. To facilitate this expansion in sequencing, Cefas is establishing a new wastewater sequencing facility in Exeter. This facility will be equipped with two Illumina NextSeq 550 and a Beckman Coulter Biomek i7 along with other robotics and molecular biology equipment.

The new sequencing facility will be co-located with the Environment Agency's (EA) new laboratories for wastewater monitoring in Exeter and will involve close working and sharing of samples with the EA. Currently the EA extract SARS-CoV-2 viral RNA from

wastewater and perform qPCR and send selected samples to sequencing laboratories for genome sequencing.

#### **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: £450,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)

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

To increase SARS-CoV-2 sequencing from wastewater and to build capacity for wider environmental monitoring in the longer term. To facilitate this expansion in sequencing, Cefas is establishing a new wastewater sequencing facility in Exeter.

The new sequencing facility will be co-located with the Environment Agency's (EA) new laboratories for wastewater monitoring in Exeter and will involve close working and sharing of samples with the EA.

#### **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**

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: [2021/S 000-017566](#)

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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**

2 September 2021

#### **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**

University of Exeter (UOE) Consulting Ltd

Exeter

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £460,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/courts-tribunals>