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## **Provision of Acoustic Telemetry Equipment for Tracking of Vulnerable Species**

Defra Network eTendering Portal

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Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-031833

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-040fc8

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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United Kingdom

**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**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Provision of Acoustic Telemetry Equipment for Tracking of Vulnerable Species

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 32441000 - Telemetry equipment

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The supply of acoustic receivers, transmitters, replacement batteries and associated equipment for fish and other animal tracking compatible with existing Innovasea equipment and equipment running on Open Protocol programming.

#### **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: £3,000,000

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Defra intends to award a contract for the provision of acoustic telemetry equipment which will be used for tracking fish and other animals. This contract will include the provision of open access 69kHz and 180kHz receivers, receiver recovery systems, high residency receivers, tracking receiver deck boxes, hydrophones, replacement batteries, coded transmitters for 69kHz and 180kHz with and without pressure, temperature and predation sensors.

The contract is planned to start January 2024 for a 3 year duration. The contract may be extended for an additional 2 years. The value covers the full 5 year contract length.

Defra intends to directly award the contract and this notice is published for reasons of transparency.

#### **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:

There is only one supplier of this specialised equipment with the technical specification required.

#### **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/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

26 October 2023

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

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

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

RS Aqua Ltd

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Port Solent

PO6 4TR

Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

01661817

Internet address

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

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £3,000,000

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

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**VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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>