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Contract

FS900109a Microbiological Testing for Northern Ireland 1-5

Food Standards Agency

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-032022

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-045a32

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Food Standards Agency

YO1 7PR

York

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Contact

FSA Commercial

Email

fsa.commercial@food.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI32 - Westminster

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.food.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.food.gov.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

FS900109a Microbiological Testing for Northern Ireland 1-5

Reference number

FS900109a / C285255

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The NI NRLs will deliver the OCR regulatory requirements for NI, aligning with European Union Reference Laboratories (EURLs) work programmes, wherever possible. They will build strong communication networks with NI Official Laboratories (OLs) designated within NI and across the EU, providing them with support, training and advice, where needed. Although there is limited ability to share EU-RL-related information between NI NRLs and NRLs in GB, FSA encourages communication between them, where this is beneficial to NRL functions. This is a 4 year contract with an optional 2 year extension.

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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: £534,939.08

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services
- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 73111000 - Research laboratory services
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

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: [2024/S 000-015623](#)

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

31 March 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Sciensano

Wytzmanstraat

Rue Juliette

1050

Country

Saint Barthélemy

NUTS code

- BL - Saint Barthélemy

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: £934,997.81

Total value of the contract/lot: £534,939.08

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court and Court of Appeal of England and Wales

Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/>