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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): ocids-h6vhtk-045a32

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

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

Food Standards Agency

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York

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#### **Contact**

FSA Commercial

#### **Email**

[fsa.commercial@food.gov.uk](mailto: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

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## **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](#)

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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**

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

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## **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

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