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Increasing the Accessibility of Plant Healthy Certification

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Scope

Reference

C29318

Description

Defra intends to award a three-year (25 June 2025 – 31st March 2028) Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) to registered, not-for-profit, charity Plant Healthy Limited that aims to promote and enhance plant health and biosecurity. It focuses on helping professionals grow and supply healthy plants and minimizing the risk of introducing and spreading damaging pests and diseases. As Plant Healthy Limited is closely associated with Defra and its activities are designed to support Defra's efforts in protecting plant health and facilitating safe trade but it is not controlled by Defra, the MoA is being awarded to support the expansion phase of the Plant Healthy Certification Scheme (PHCS). Plant Healthy Limited owns and manages the Plant Health Management Standard and the Plant Healthy Certification Scheme. Key Deliverables of the Proposed MoA: Optimise PHCS accessibility Establish a robust benchmarking process Expand the reach of Plant Healthy Certification Raise awareness and understanding of Plant Healthy Continue to expand Plant Healthy certification across target sectors Ensure Scheme and funding are in accordance with the objectives of the MoA.

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Supplier

- [Plant Healthy Limited](#)

Contract value

- £434,683 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

24 June 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 25 June 2025 to 31 March 2028
- 2 years, 9 months, 6 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79132000 - Certification services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

Defra currently envisages that the following risks could jeopardise the satisfactory performance of the MoA: a) Alterations in governmental policy or legislative frameworks, beyond Defra's jurisdiction, which may adversely affect the operation and continuity of the Plant Healthy Certification Scheme; and b) Insufficient participation in the scheme, which may result in inadequate revenue generation to meet operational costs, thereby compromising the delivery and sustainability of the MoA.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

On the basis that: Plant Healthy Limited owns the intellectual property rights to the Plant Health Management Standard and the Plant Healthy Certification Scheme.

Supplier

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKH17 - Breckland and South Norfolk

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government