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Contract

CEFAS23-127 Contract for provision of micro-FTIR instruments for the Ocean Country Partnership Programme (OCP)

Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science

Pakefield Road

Lowestoft

NR33 0HT

Email

procure@cefas.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.cefasc.co.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

CEFAS23-127 Contract for provision of micro-FTIR instruments for the Ocean Country Partnership Programme (OCP)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of fully motorised micro-FTIRs in order to carry out analysis on microplastics particles under the Ocean Country Partnership Programme.

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: £500,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Ocean Country Partnership Programme (OCP) is one of a series of projects funded through the Blue Planet Fund., The OCP will develop Technical Assistance partnerships with a selection of ODA eligible partner countries.

The OCP will incorporate and expand on the UK's existing programming and partnership work, for example the Commonwealth Litter Programme (CLiP) to continue transformative work on marine litter, as well as bringing in activities to tackle other forms of marine pollution, biodiversity, and sustainable seafood challenges.

Through addressing the above marine challenges, the OCP hopes to ensure seafood produced and distributed in ways which support healthy ecosystems, do not overexploit marine stocks, provide sustainable inclusive and equitable livelihoods and enhance resilience to climate and socioeconomic shocks.

There is a growing concern about the widespread occurrence and abundance of microplastics (particles below 5 mm in size) and their unknown environmental effects. To date, there are no widely accepted protocols for the extraction and detection of microplastics in environmental compartments (sediment, biota and water). Cefas has developed a fast screening method for microplastics in environmental compartments in Sri Lanka but is currently lacking the capability for particle characterisation for the smaller sized items (below 300 um in size). This capability is required for the accurate investigation in microplastic concentrations and composition that is essential to assess their behaviour in the environment and the risks for biota and human health related to exposure.

As a result, the marine litter team at Cefas Lowestoft Laboratory have awarded a Contract to supply 3 fully motorised micro-FTIRs in order to carry out analysis on microplastics

particles. The units will be housed in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh and therefore the supplier will provide in-person installation and training. The main objective is the quantification and characterisation of particles on filters (extracted from sediment, biota and water samples) quickly, efficiently and accurately.

Cefas may require further micro-FTIR units for other locations under this programme of work and this Contract will cover provision of additional units up to a total Contract value of £500,000.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 30

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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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

14 October 2023

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

Bruker UK Ltd

Welland House, Longwood Close, Westwood Business Park, Coventry, CV4 8HZ

Coventry

CV4 8HZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

923986

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £500,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>