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Contract

Open Procurement

Defra Network eTendering Portal

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Open Procurement

Reference number

Project 35540

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

To collect data that improves the knowledge of UK fisheries and aquaculture and their interaction with the marine environment and other marine species to support sustainable

fisheries management.

This can include data collection to support the development of Fisheries Management Plans and research to support the development of fisheries management measures which contribute towards the Precautionary, Sustainability, Ecosystem, Bycatch, and Climate Change objectives. The data to be collected and subsequent analysis will be proposed by the UK fishing/seafood industry in collaboration with an appropriate research organisation.

The Authority will require data to be collected in established ways, as set out in the appropriate MEDIN data collection standards (MEDIN – Marine Environmental Data and Information Network).

The Authority will also require data to be openly published by uploading to the appropriate MEDIN data archive centre and by requiring contractors to publish a scientific report that sets out the data collected, the methodology used and analysis of that data.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £1,949,271.44

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Fisheries Data Collection

Lot No

One

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 03000000 - Agricultural, farming, fishing, forestry and related products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 Fisheries Data Collection

Enhanced data collection is required to ensure UK fisheries policy, management and negotiation decisions are based on the best possible science and evidence. There are challenges around implementing the sustainable management of stocks; some of these are data limited stocks and species which have complex life-histories that affect our ability to assess their status.

Contracts awarded under this Lot will be expected to address key data and knowledge gaps to develop monitoring, assessment and management approaches, particularly for data-limited stocks. These aspects form a key component of the Fisheries Management Plans (FMPs) that will guide our future management of fisheries.

These types of projects would include:

- Stock assessments and understanding life history parameters such as growth and maturity.
- Establishing sustainable harvest limits for data poor stocks, including appropriate metrics.
- Ecological processes such as predator-prey relationships.
- Stock definition.
- Rates of discards and impact of selectivity measures.

Research and data collection which supports the development of Fisheries Management Plans, and projects on data-limited stocks and non-quota species are particularly encouraged. This includes, but is not limited to, deep sea stocks, cuttlefish, squid, skates, rays, shellfish and other data poor species. Defra set out the timetable for publishing FMPs in the Joint Fisheries Statement and we would welcome proposals that contribute to those plans scheduled for publishing in 2023.

Improved data could lead to increased opportunities for the UK fishing industry and seafood sector by supporting operational flexibility and, by supporting improvements in traceability (tracking seafood supply chains and limiting mislabelling of products by location or species), to demonstrating environmental credentials and provide improved market access.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Value for Money / Weighting: 20

Cost criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 80

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 Mixed Fisheries and Selectivity

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 03000000 - Agricultural, farming, fishing, forestry and related products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The main UK fisheries catch a mix of commercial species and stocks. A key challenge remains in exploiting the fishing opportunities from healthy commercial stocks whilst simultaneously protecting vulnerable stocks and other protected marine species and habitats.

There is a need to deliver research and data collection on technical measures in selectivity that significantly reduce environmental impacts, bycatches and discards whilst maintaining fishing opportunities within advised limits. The UK remains fully committed to ending the wasteful discarding of fish and minimising catches of sensitive and protected marine species.

Contracts awarded under this lot will fund research and data collection on technical measures which aim to address these challenges.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Value for Money / Weighting: 20

Cost criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 80

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 Environmental Impacts of Aquaculture

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 03000000 - Agricultural, farming, fishing, forestry and related products

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Research into marine aquaculture. Inland and freshwater aquaculture is not currently eligible for funding.

This area of funding will be focussed on improving our understanding of the ecosystem benefits of marine aquaculture, for example aquaculture as a nature-based solution to ecological contaminants and improving our understanding of how the environmental impacts of existing aquaculture systems can be minimised.

To focus on research in the following areas:

- Understanding the ecosystem benefits of aquaculture e.g. seaweed, bivalves etc
- Practical proposals of aquaculture as a nature-based solution and the identification of areas that could benefit from this.
- Minimising the environmental impacts of existing aquaculture systems, including escapees; disease & parasite management; recirculation, control and reduction of discharges.
- Ecological impacts and benefits of seaweed farming, offshore aquaculture, and recirculation to generate additional evidence on ecological impacts and benefits.

Improved data and knowledge could lead to increased opportunities for the aquaculture sector by supporting the development of fish farming as a nature-based solution towards sustainable fisheries management. Minimising environmental impacts and increasing our understanding of the ecosystem benefits of aquaculture will increase the accessibility of seafood whilst sustainably using marine resources towards the development of healthy stocks.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Value for Money / Weighting: 20

Cost criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 80

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: [2022/S 000-007782](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

65322

Lot No

1

Title

Evaluating lobster fishery opportunities at an offshore wind farm in the UK

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 September 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Aberystwyth University

Aberystwyth

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £236,641.64

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

65323

Lot No

3

Title

Ecosystem Benefits of UK Oyster Aquaculture Sites

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 September 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Atlantic Edge Oyster Ltd

Haverfordwest

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £129,179.16

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

65324

Lot No

2

Title

The impact of mobile demersal fishing on blue carbon in seabed sediments

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 September 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bangor University

Bangor

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £249,999.92

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

65326

Lot No

2

Title

Farntastic Project

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 September 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CEFAS

Lowestoft

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £250,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

65325

Lot No

2

Title

Seabed Ecosystem Project

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 September 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bangor University

Bangor

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £249,999.48

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

65328

Lot No

2

Title

CodSElect

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 September 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Marine Scotland Science

Montrose

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £179,594.05

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

65329

Lot No

1

Title

Monitoring programme to collect biological data on national fisheries

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 September 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

The Fish Producers' Organisation

Hessle

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £200,014.57

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

65330

Lot No

2

Title

Assessment of seafloor fishing gear interactions and ecosystem response to disturbance

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 September 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ulster University

Ulster

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £249,640.59

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

65331

Lot No

1

Title

Bass Tissue Bank Project

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 September 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 13

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

University of Essex

Colchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £204,202

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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