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Contract

## Open Procurement

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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

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

Open Procurement

Reference number

Project 36818

**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: £3,629,325

## **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

3

### **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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Other factors which impact on fishing opportunities and adaptations

Lot No

4

### **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**

This Lot focuses on research and data collection to increase our understanding of impacts and on potential adaptations which could be made to improve fisheries outcomes.

### **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



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## **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 000-021269](#)

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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

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### **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

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### **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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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