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Genomic Data Platform

Food Standards Agency

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Scope

Reference

C373232

Description

The genomic data platform developed through the PATH-SAFE programme is an operational, cross-government capability which provides genomic analytics linked to contextual metadata, visualised in user friendly reports for end-users within partner UK agencies. The platform has been built on proven expertise and infrastructure and has been co-designed using community and end-user expertise to ensure the delivery of value to end users. Ultimately the platform is expected to provide annotations comparable between agencies through standardised best practice analytics and QC thresholds, enabling sharing of data and resources across organisations, and the rapid identification and tracking of foodborne pathogens, clusters and AMR. The platform was made live in March 2024, equipped with analytics solely focussed on Salmonella spp., and enhanced through FY24/25 to include E.coli and Listeria analytics. Further funding has been secured for FY25/26 to continue development of the platform as part of a National Food Surveillance Programme, seeking to build on previous project success and prior HMT investment to date. With the platform ready for use, next steps will require deep focus on

data integration (i.e. conduiting of data from individual to collective value) to the platform, deployment and further enhancement to support end user needs.

Contract 1. Genomic Data Platform

Suppliers

Supplier not yet selected

Contract value

- £450,000 excluding VAT
- £540,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

18 July 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 21 July 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 31 March 2027
- 1 year, 8 months, 11 days

Description of possible extension:

Optional 12 month extension

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

PA23 Schedule 5, Paragraph 5 (a) Due to a particular supplier having intellectual property rights or other exclusive rights, only that supplier can supply the goods, services, or works required and (b) there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services of works. The platform utilises the capability owned by the supplier to complete analyses required to complete this project. There are no reasonable alternatives due to this, further reasons below: 1) the considerable amount of trust placed in these existing platforms; they are tried and tested 2) the feasibility of swapping tools and ensuring that new systems could interoperate as effectively 3) the risk that alternative solutions may not perform as well.

Contracting authority

Food Standards Agency

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