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Contract

Food Authenticity Method Standardisation Support/harmonisation

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Scope

Reference

C29292

Description

The aim of the research is to ensure UK interests are represented at the CEN TC 460 Food Authenticity, that knowledge sharing occurs and the maintenance of expert links with the CEN community following EU exit. The research will provide resource allocation for members of Fera Science Ltd to represent Defra interests. The UK have been building their participation at the CEN (the European Standardisation Body) Food Authenticity Technical Committee over recent years. Working with international partners to deliver science-based food standards to protect consumers and facilitate fair practices in global trade, promoting UK/Defra policy priorities. The UK has a significant body of relevant analytical expertise, experience and methods, developed under Defra's food authenticity programme, that contributes to this work. We have previously provided funding to support Fera expert's involvement in 2 CEN working groups for which they act as conve

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Supplier

- [Fera Science Ltd](#)

Contract value

- £73,535.97 excluding VAT
- £88,243.16 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

28 May 2025

Contract dates

- 29 May 2025 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2029
- 3 years, 10 months, 3 days

Description of possible extension:

Extension options are available within the T&Cs

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - without competition

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBD-3289-CDGX

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government