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Contract

## **Procurement of CAS Data Licenses**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

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

**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**

Procurement of CAS Data Licenses

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Procurement of CAS Data Licenses and Associated Services to enable compliance with Chemical Identifier creation.

#### **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: £73,229.32

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 48517000 - IT software package

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

This is for the procurement of a license from the Chemical Abstracts Service to enable DEFRA to populate an internal database that will be used by UK REACH registrants to properly match a chemical substance to a unique identifier during the submission process within Comply With UK Reach service, and to publish these numbers in the public domain.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **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

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The justification for the use of the negotiated procedure without prior publication is against two items:

a) The thresholds for the Public Contract Regulations 2015 under Regulation 5 set out the minimum thresholds for Works, Services or Supply. For Services, Regulation 5 sets out the following “This Part applies to procurements with a value [inclusive] of VAT estimated to be equal to or greater than the following thresholds...for public supply contracts and public service contracts awarded by central government authorities, and design contests organised by such authorities, [£139,688]...” Therefore, it has been judged that due to the quoted figure from the Supplier, this would fall under the PCR 2015 Threshold for Services and therefore the Procurement Regulations will not apply.

b) The existing Supplier (Chemical Abstracts Service) owns the system for the internal CAS Database and the Chemical Identifiers, and therefore any new supplier would need to subcontract CAS for use of their tool (and subsequent licenses and expertise). Therefore Regulation 32 (2)(b)(ii) applies as competition is absent for technical reasons.

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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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**

30 October 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

CAS - Chemical Abstracts Services

2450 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, Ohio, US

Columbus, Ohio

43202

Email

[help@cas.org](mailto:help@cas.org)

Telephone

+1 6144473731

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.cas.org/>

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: £73,229.32

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## Section VI. Complementary information

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### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

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#### VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

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