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Contract

## **Imported Food Sampling, Analysis and Reporting Framework**

Food Standards Agency

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04dde4

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

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

Food Standards Agency

YO1 7PR

York

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#### **Contact**

FSA Commercial

#### **Email**

[fsa.commercial@food.gov.uk](mailto:fsa.commercial@food.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKI32 - Westminster

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.food.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.food.gov.uk/>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Imported Food Sampling, Analysis and Reporting Framework

Reference number

C337355 / C365411

#### **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**

Sampling of imported food products at a retail level across GB to help identify and provide evidence for emerging food safety risks from imported foods. Contract broken into annual Work Packages to be agreed by FSA.

#### **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: £450,000

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

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

- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

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

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

FS430790 The Supplier will carry out specific imported food commodity sampling, transportation to labs and analytical testing for a range of residues/contaminants. The work packages are expected to be agreed annually, starting in April 2026 with each package concluding, including delivery of the draft final report before March the following year.

Although it would be our intention to request work annually, there is a reliance on FSA receiving a sufficient budget to allow this to happen. The FSA cannot guarantee any work packages.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 80

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 20

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Further period up to 2 years. Extension exercised where the Buyer gives the Supplier no less than 3 months written notice before this Contract expires

#### **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: [2025/S 000-004623](#)

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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

5 August 2025

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other 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

Fera Science Limited

York Biotech Campus Sand Hutton York

York

YO411LZ

Email

[tracker@fera.co.uk](mailto:tracker@fera.co.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

09413107

Internet address

<http://www.capita.com>

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: £450,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £450,000

**V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Proportion: 5 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

UK Health Security Agency – Food, Water and Environment Microbiology Services, York acting as subcontractors to provide relevant expertise and deliver the microbiological analysis activities required to deliver this work.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Food Standards Agency

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