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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

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

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

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

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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

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.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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