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Award

3D Xray CT scanner and 3D laser sorter

Forestry Commission

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Scope

Description

Purchase of a 3D Xray scanner which can be used to analyse seed quality and 3D laser seed sorting machine, which can be used to optically grade and sort seeds

Contract 1

Supplier

- PhenoKey B.V.

Contract value

- 1247000 EUR excluding VAT
- 1496400 EUR including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

18 August 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 26 August 2025 to 25 August 2026
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 03000000 - Agricultural, farming, fishing, forestry and related products
- 16000000 - Agricultural machinery

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

Absence of viable alternatives due to highly specialized, integrated nature of this requirement.

No other supplier offers a ready-to-deploy ecosystem combining 3D phenotyping and

direct trait-based sorting.

No other supplier offers the necessary algorithms to operate such technologies, especially for forestry seeds.

Off-the-shelf components or manual integration approaches do not meet performance, calibration, or regulatory requirements.

Functional interoperability between imaging and sorting modules is unique to this system and cannot be externally replicated.

Supplier

PhenoKey B.V.

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

Forestry Commission

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government