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Award

Supply of Radio Collars to APHA

Animal and Plant Health Agency

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Scope

Description

The purpose of this Transparency Notice is to announce the Animal Plant and Plant Health Agency's (APHA) intention to enter into a contract for supply of 'combined proximity logger, GPS and VHF transmitter' devices which will be fitted to collars. The collars will allow APHA at Woodchester Park to gather data to support hypotheses within the Bovine Tuberculosis (bTB) strategy.

The contract will be for a period of two (2) years with an optional extension of up to twenty-four (24) months.

Contract 1. Supply of Badger Radio Collars to APHA

Supplier

- LOTEK UK LTD

Contract value

- £125,370 excluding VAT
- £150,444 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

19 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 22 September 2025 to 31 December 2027
- Possible extension to 31 December 2029
- 4 years, 3 months, 9 days

Description of possible extension:

Optional 24-month extension

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 32230000 - Radio transmission apparatus with reception apparatus

Contract locations

- UKK13 - Gloucestershire

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

The Authority requires Lotek UK Ltd to supply the Goods due to essential compatibility requirements with existing Goods and data. The previous contract expired in March 2023, and the Goods procured contributed to the generation of a substantial dataset for the current programme. To maintain data integrity and continuity, new collars must match the sensitivity and parameters of the existing ones and remain compatible with the software used to interpret the data. Switching suppliers would risk producing inconsistent datasets, require reprogramming, and potentially necessitate different software solutions.

Supplier

LOTEK UK LTD

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQYN-6326-DWW

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Animal and Plant Health Agency

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBHC-6261-BLLQ

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

Summary of their role in this procurement: Defra undertaking procurement activity for APHA

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Contact organisation

Contact Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs for any enquiries.