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Tender

Sheep Genotyping Services

AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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Scope

Description

Signet Breeding Services is the part of AHDB responsible for delivering the UK's national genetic evaluations to sheep producers.

Signet delivers three mixed breed genetic evaluations to the sheep industry, one for terminal sire breeds, one for lowland maternal breeds and one for hill breeds. Our terminal sire and hill evaluations utilise genomic information that has been provided to AHDB from a variety of different sources using a range of chip types. Genomic approaches are rapidly being developed for our lowland maternal evaluation.

AHDB is seeking tender applications to secure the services of companies that can provide the genotypes required to complete this work. Two work packages are specified within this tender document. Bidders can bid for either work package or both of them.

Work Package 1. Medium density sheep genotyping for hill sheep and maternal breeds.

Work Package 2. Medium density sheep genotyping for terminal sire breeds.

Closing date for submissions by 12 noon on the 3 November 2025

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Total value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 26 January 2027 to 26 December 2027
- Possible extension to 26 January 2029
- 2 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

1 + 1

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

3 November 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

3 November 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

16 December 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical	Quality	50.00%
Pricing	Price	50.00%

Other information

Payment terms

30 days from receipt of invoice as per AHDB terms and conditions

Description of risks to contract performance

As per tender documents and timelines

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

Time constraints to publish on time.

Contracting authority

AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government