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Contract

## **Scottish Authorities Food Enforcement Rebuild (SAFER) Food Business Social Research**

Food Standards Scotland (FSS)

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-059435

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0552cd

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

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

Food Standards Scotland (FSS)

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Aberdeen

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.foodstandards.gov.scot](http://www.foodstandards.gov.scot)

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA24524](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA24524)

**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**

Scottish Authorities Food Enforcement Rebuild (SAFER) Food Business Social Research

Reference number

CASE/792740

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73110000 - Research services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

FSS has a requirement for research to be conducted and evidence gathered from Food Business Operators to support both the development of the SAFER programme as well as FSS's statutory business-as-usual responsibilities to support businesses to comply with food law.

#### **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: £111,745.36

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

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

- 73110000 - Research services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

Requirement for research to be conducted and evidence gathered from Food Business Operators to support both the development of the SAFER programme as well as FSS's statutory business-as-usual responsibilities to support businesses to comply with food law.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 75

Price - Weighting: 25

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

As part of the contract agreement, A rate card will be obtained to provide fixed costing for any additional Ad-Hoc research required in connection to research subject matter and solely within specified contract period.

#### **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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2025/S 000-034821](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

CASE/792740

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

24 September 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

IFF Research Ltd

16 Chart House, Chart Street

London

N1 6DD

Telephone

+44 2072503035

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £111,745.36

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

contract Start date 29th September 2025 to 28th May 2026

(SC Ref:811222)

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

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

Edinburgh Sheriff Court & Justice of the Peace Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom