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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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United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.foodstandards.gov.scot

Buyer's address

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

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

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

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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

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