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Planning

APHA Contingency Requirement: Provision of On-Farm Carcase Pickup Services

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY

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Scope

Reference

P-36220

Description

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) (the Authority) are seeking to place an Open Framework for the Provision of Farm Labour Resource to facilitate Carcase Pick up on an Infected Premises (IP) during an Outbreak or other Incident.

The intention of this requirement is to allow the Authority to access the services of farm labour resource and/or specialised equipment to assist in the removal of carcases following a disease outbreak, or other incident, and the resultant cull, such as from Avian Influenza following Whole House Gassing (WHG) operations. The scope of this contract will require provision of a flexible number of personnel within 24-48 hours (depending on requirement) to an IP to facilitate the collection and loading of carcases into a bulker for disposal. Suppliers need to have the resources to deploy as a minimum two (2) teams simultaneously.

Other services could include but not limited to, Preliminary cleansing and disinfection, directed by an Authority representative, usually to an onsite case officer.

The service will also require the provision of plant and equipment where necessary for the collection and loading of carcases into the disposal receptacle.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £10,000,000 excluding VAT
- £12,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 9 March 2026 to 8 March 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98110000 - Services furnished by business, professional and specialist organisations
- 77100000 - Agricultural services

- 77500000 - Animal husbandry services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

17 October 2025

Engagement process description

The Animal and Plant Health Agency are conducting a market engagement exercise to better understand the interest, capability and capacity of the supply market to provide the required services.

If you wish to participate in this market engagement exercise, you are invited to request a copy of the market engagement pack via email to: mandy.worsnop@defra.gov.uk by 5pm, 10 October 2025.

Please use the subject title “Carcase Pick Up Market Engagement” in your request.

Feedback and any questions concerning the requirement should be returned to the same email address no later than 17:00 on 17 October 2025.

Any future tender exercise will be conducted through the Defra eSourcing portal. If your organisation is not already registered you can create an account at <https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. This engagement does not constitute a formal notice to tender and there is no guarantee APHA will proceed with an external tendering exercise to create a framework or other form of contract.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

3 December 2025

Contracting authority

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBHC-6261-BLLQ

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Email: procurement@defra.gov.uk

Website: <https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

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 OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Summary of their role in this procurement: Defra group Commercial

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBD-3289-CDGX

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Contact organisation

Contact ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY for any enquiries.