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UK Archive for Marine Species and Habitats Data (DASSH)

Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

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Scope

Description

DASSH is the UK's accredited Data Archive Centre ("DAC") for marine species and habitats data. It is part of the MEDIN and plays a critical role in supporting statutory environmental reporting obligations under the UK Marine Strategy, OSPAR, and the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Contract 1. UK Archive for Marine Species and Habitats Data (DASSH)

Supplier

- THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Contract value

- £695,698 excluding VAT
- £834,837.60 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

16 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 17 October 2025 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 5 months, 15 days

Description of possible extension:

1 year optional extension not included within the total cost and will be at the discretion of The Authority depending on budget approval 3 months prior to the end of the original term.

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

3.5 year contract with an optional 1 year extension not built into the costs of the contract. If the extension option will be utilised, budget holder approval will need to be evidenced at the time of issuing.

CPV classifications

- 98360000 - Marine services

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 - intellectual property or exclusive rights
- Single supplier - technical reasons

Schedule 5 of the Procurement Act 2023

- Paragraphs 5, 6 & 7

Supplier

THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

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- Charity Commission (England and Wales): 1155893

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBD-3289-CDGX

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government