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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.

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## **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

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Other information**

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **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

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## **Supplier**

### **THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM**

- Companies House: RC000865
- Charity Commission (England and Wales): 1155893

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Region: UKK41 - Plymouth

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