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## **FCP: E.L.M Payment Rate Development/Payment Rate Verification**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

C29913

### **Description**

FCP: E.L.M Payment Rate Developments/Payment Rate Verification. 2 Lots

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### **Lot 1. Lot 1: Payment rate development**

## Description

Lot 1: Payment rate development • Completion of annual payment rate review rates (expected to be 1/3 of SFI Payment rates) every year for publication deadlines, subject to the authority's need. • Completion of payment rate price base reviews every three years or more often in the case of an exceptional price review. • The deliverables in this case will be updated payment recipes and data for points 1 and 2 respectively added to the payments rate calculator spreadsheet. • 10 working days to complete payment recipes. Deadlines set in agreement at time of issue of work package. • Payment recipes updated on the Live Spreadsheet for verification, upon completion of work package.

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## Lot 2. Lot 2: Payment rate verification

### Description

Lot 2: Payment rate verification • Completion of annual payment rate review rates (expected to be 1/3 of SFI Payment rates) every year for publication deadlines, subject to the authority's need. • The deliverables in this case will be a report on the accuracy of the payment rates developed including the accuracy of assumptions and data. • 10 working days to complete verification. Deadlines set in agreement at time of issue of work package. • Initial verification comments provided to the authority upon completion of work package. • Report compiling verification comments provided to the Authority following completion of large work packages. To be agreed at time of issue of work package.

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## Contract 1. FCP: E.L.M Payment Rate Development

### Lots

Lot 1. Lot 1: Payment rate development

## **Supplier**

- [The Andersons Centre](#)

## **Contract value**

- £400,000 excluding VAT
- £480,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Award decision date**

13 October 2025

## **Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

14 October 2025

## **Standstill period**

- End: 24 October 2025
- 8 working days

## **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

31 October 2025

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 3 November 2025 to 1 November 2027

- Possible extension to 2 November 2029
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

2+1+1

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 73110000 - Research services

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom
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## **Contract 2. FCP: E.L.M Payment Rate Verification**

### **Lots**

Lot 2. Lot 2: Payment rate verification

### **Supplier**

- [Cumulus Consultants Ltd](#)

### **Contract value**

- £200,000 excluding VAT
- £240,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

13 October 2025

### **Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

14 October 2025

### **Standstill period**

- End: 24 October 2025
- 8 working days

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

31 October 2025

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 3 November 2025 to 1 November 2027
- Possible extension to 1 November 2029
- 3 years, 11 months, 29 days

Description of possible extension:

2+1+1

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 73110000 - Research services

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Information about tenders**

### **Lot 1. Lot 1: Payment rate development**

- 6 tenders received
  - 6 tenders assessed in the final stage:
    - 6 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
    - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
  - 1 supplier awarded contracts
  - 5 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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## **Lot 2. Lot 2: Payment rate verification**

- 6 tenders received
- 6 tenders assessed in the final stage:
  - 6 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 5 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

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## **Suppliers**

### **Cumulus Consultants Ltd**

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Gloucestershire

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United Kingdom

Email: [paul@cumulus-consultants.co.uk](mailto:paul@cumulus-consultants.co.uk)

Region: UKK13 - Gloucestershire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Associated people/organisations:

Paul Silcock at Cumulus Consultants

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## **The Andersons Centre**

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Email: [enquiries@theandersonscentre.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@theandersonscentre.co.uk)

Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Associated people/organisations:

Richard King at The Andersons Centre

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## Contracting authority

### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

