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Contract

## **ITT for 'SeaScope' data management and data science development**

CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE SCIENCE

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.cefas.co.uk/>

Buyer's address

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

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

ITT for 'SeaScope' data management and data science development

Reference number

CEFAS25-53

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72212983 - Development software development services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Via the CCS RM6292 Cloud Compute 2 Framework, Lot 3 - Cefas require provision of a Microsoft Fabric Environment to provide Data Management and wider Microsoft Fabric

Environment Capabilities and Data Science Services within Cefas.

#### **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: £800,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 72212983 - Development software development services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Cefas is looking to engage a Technology Partner skilled in the implementation of the Microsoft Fabric environment and related Data Science Azure based services for a multi-year programme to build a Microsoft Fabric environment-based data platform and Azure environment to support Cefas Scientists to deliver excellent science.

Cefas science, evidence and advice provides vital insights for decision making on the sustainable use of resources from our rivers, seas and ocean. At a moment when aquatic systems are increasingly threatened by diverse natural and anthropogenic pressures, management is not only becoming more complex but must take place alongside an overarching imperative to improve the status of our waters for the next generation.

This strategy will build upon our heritage as a trusted and impartial provider of science, evidence and advice to government by innovating our approach to data collection, curation, sharing and use.

Healthy and productive marine systems are vital for societal health, wealth and wellbeing. Our work focuses on understanding and mitigating against the triple threat posed by climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution – allowing for better decision making on

sustainable use of resources from our seas and oceans.

Access to, and analysis of, big data from multiple sources and of varying types will be fundamental in complex policy decision making across systems.

The 'SeaScope' will develop a framework for a new, federated approach to marine science data collection, storage, and use by Cefas and partners. It will become a platform for mainstreaming novel data science approaches and remove data and conceptual silos to allow better marine policy decision making.

The combination of new technology and new platforms (like a ship) and integration of data generation will enable deeper understanding of complex marine and fisheries systems, by aligning datasets as never before to offer insights into impacts of management, emergencies, or new proposed uses.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 10

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### IV.2) Administrative information

#### IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-036728](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

10 October 2025

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 10

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 10

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Hitachi Solutions Europe Ltd

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National registration number

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Internet address

<https://www.hitachi-solutions.co.uk/>

The contractor is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £800,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

[publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

[publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>