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Contract

Contract for the provision of External Audit of BCGcattle Phase 3

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Contract for the provision of External Audit of BCGcattle Phase 3

Reference number

C30845

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Contract for the provision of External Audit of BCGcattle Phase 3

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: £1,519

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The requirement is for the external auditor to be based on the extended field work to complete Phase 3. The complexity and challenges around this project are numerous and the external auditor brings stability and experience. The external auditor is critical to success of the field trials.

?Defra have invested in the development of a vaccine and companion DIVA test for bovine TB and it is expected that these will be a key tool in the control of this disease. For granting of a Marketing Authorisation (MA) by VMD a field trial of both diagnostics demonstrating safety and specificity must be run in the field. The external auditor will ensure that the field trial complies with GCPvet by performing audits as well as providing consultancy as and when required. Any significant deviation from GCPvet would risk granting of the MAs, and the field trial having to be repeated.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- New works/services, constituting a repetition of existing works/services

Explanation:

The justification of the direct award to Clinical Research and Communication (CRC) is due to previous expertise in this cattle vaccine trial under a previous contract for these services for this programme of work therefore continuation of this work under a new contract is required. The supplier's knowledge and understanding of the trial is vital to the success of this project which has seen considerable delays due to its complexity. There will be a risk of failure of the project if the supplier were to change at this critical stage. The justification for this STA/Direct award is under PCR 2015 Reg 32 - "Compatibility – the supplier has the relevant methodology to complete an assignment which was previously let by competitive tender".

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

28 October 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Clinical Research and Communication

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Basel

CH-4052

Telephone

+41 612633545

Country

Switzerland

NUTS code

- CH032 - Basel-Landschaft

National registration number

CHE-103.867.800

Internet address

<https://www.crc-auditing.com/>

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: £1,519

Lowest offer: £1,519 / Highest offer: £1,519 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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