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Award

Bycatch Monitoring Programme (BMP) - 25-26

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Scope

Reference

C32201

Description

The principal purpose of this contract is to investigate incidences of bycatch. This is sensitive species of bycatch, otherwise known as PETS which stands for protected, endangered and threatened species. Incidental capture (bycatch) of PETS in commercial fisheries is a major threat to the conservation of marine megafauna. Injury or death to the PETS bycatch can have population level impacts, socio-economic consequences and can also affect the fishers wellbeing involved.

Monitoring our seas and taking mitigating action to protect PETS is a statutory duty for Defra under the Fisheries Act 2020. Through the Fisheries Act 2020, the UK Government has committed to minimise and, where possible, eliminate bycatch of sensitive marine species to ensure sustainable fisheries.

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Supplier

- University Court of the University of St Andrews (USTAN)

Contract value

- £435,869 excluding VAT
- £523,042.80 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

12 December 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 13 December 2025 to 31 July 2026
- 7 months, 19 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 90711500 - Environmental monitoring other than for construction

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement

Only this supplier can continue to deliver the service for this eight month period whilst we retender a new contract, there are no other reasonable alternatives, hence the below is accurate justification.

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Direct award justifications

6 The following conditions are met in relation to the public contract-

(a) due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, only a particular supplier can

supply the goods, services or works required, and

(b) there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works.

Supplier

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Region: UKM72 - Clackmannanshire and Fife

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

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Contracting authority

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government