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Contract

High geochemical lead survey

Food Standards Agency

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Scope

Reference

C390398

Description

Sampling for lead in food produced or grown in high geochemical lead areas of the GB.

The levels of lead present in food can vary depending on several factors, one being the presence of (high) levels of geochemical lead in the location in which food products have or are being grown or reared.

There are maximum levels for lead in some foods and due to the variable nature of the presence of geochemical lead throughout the UK, it is necessary that the FSA has an understanding on the levels of lead in food products grown or reared in medium/high geochemical lead (ranges TBD from literature data).

The work is considered one of the FSA's main areas of research interest (under chemical hazards; including nanomaterials and microplastics) and will be used to inform long-term

policy and/or strategic decision making.

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Supplier

- [Fera Science Ltd](#)

Contract value

- £199,551.94 excluding VAT
- £239,462.33 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

4 December 2025

Contract dates

- 8 December 2025 to 31 March 2027
- 1 year, 3 months, 24 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 79311000 - Survey services

Key performance indicators

Name	Description	Reporting frequency
Skills for growth	Supporting Growth Sectors and addressing gaps. To be agreed at the initiation meeting	12 months

Other information**Applicable trade agreements**

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

Fera Science Ltd

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Food Standards Agency

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJRM-6866-LYYX

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government