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Pipeline

UK Plant Breeders Rights, National Listing and Seed Certification (NIAB)

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

added procedure type to notice

Scope

Reference

P-35973

Description

This notice relates to the requirements to award two contracts to the National Institute of Agricultural Botany ("NIAB"); one service contract and one concession contract. The subject matter of both contracts is the delivery of plant breeders rights, national listing & seed certification.

The services are:

Service A: Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability, ("DUS") Testing Service

Service B - Value for Cultivation and Use ("VCU") Tests for Disease Resistance

Service C - Independent Review and Reporting of VCU Trials and Disease Resistance Tests

Service D - Seed Certification Services

Service E - Seed Testing Services

Service F - Technical Advice and Additional Services

Service G - Management of Authority IT Systems

Service H - Delivery of DUS Quality Assurance System ("QAS")

Please note: the contract start date is expected to be 1st July 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 11 December 2025 to 30 June 2027
- Possible extension to 30 June 2028
- 2 years, 6 months, 21 days

Main category

Services

CPV classifications

- 77100000 - Agricultural services

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

10 December 2025

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Concession

Above or below total value threshold

Above or equal to threshold

Contracting authority

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