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

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

C32250

### **Description**

This notice is published to describe our intention to enter into two contracts with 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

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## **Contract 1. Service Contract**

### **Supplier**

- Niab

### **Contract value**

- £6,100,000 excluding VAT
- £7,320,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

2 January 2026

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 2 January 2026 to 30 June 2027
- Possible extension to 30 June 2028
- 2 years, 5 months, 30 days

Description of possible extension:

12 month extension options

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 77100000 - Agricultural services

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## **Contract 2. Concession Contract**

### **Supplier**

- Niab

### **Contract value**

- £4,600,000 excluding VAT
- £5,520,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

## **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

2 January 2026

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 2 January 2026 to 30 June 2027
- Possible extension to 30 June 2028
- 2 years, 5 months, 30 days

Description of possible extension:

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## **Main procurement category**

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## **Participation**

## **Particular suitability**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## **Other information**

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

### **Special regime**

Concession

### **Direct award justification**

Single supplier - technical reasons

Due to the nature of the services required, competition is absence for technical reasons. Niab are presently the only possible supplier of these services.

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## Suppliers

### **Niab**

Niab, 93 Lawrence Weaver Road

Cambridge

CB3 0LE

United Kingdom

Email: [info@niab.com](mailto:info@niab.com)

Region: UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 2. Concession Contract

### **Niab**

- Companies House: 03395389

93 Lawrence Weaver Road

Cambridge

CB3 0LE

United Kingdom

Email: [info@niab.com](mailto:info@niab.com)

Region: UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. Service Contract

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## **Contracting authority**

### **ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY**

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

