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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

### **Award decision date**

15 December 2025

### **Standstill period**

- End: 24 December 2025
- 8 working days

### **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

## **Award decision date**

15 December 2025

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

2 January 2026

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

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- Possible extension to 30 June 2028
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Description of possible extension:

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

### **Special regime**

Concession

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## **Supplier**

### **Niab**

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3 Lawrence Weaver Road

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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

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Service Contract

Contract 2. Concession Contract

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## Contracting authority

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

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBHC-6261-BLLQ

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government