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Award

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

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

Contract 2. Concession Contract

Supplier

- Niab

Contract value

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

Below the relevant threshold

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Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Concession

Supplier

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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

Contracting authority

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government