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Contract

UK Archive for Marine Species and Habitats Data (DASSH)

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Scope

Reference

C32399

Description

DASSH is the UK's accredited Data Archive Centre ("DAC") for marine species and habitats data. It is part of the MEDIN and plays a critical role in supporting statutory environmental reporting obligations under the UK Marine Strategy, OSPAR, and the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Contract 2. Procurement for DASSH

Supplier

- [The Marine Biological Association](#)

Contract value

- £695,640 excluding VAT
- £834,768 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

16 December 2025

Contract dates

- 17 December 2025 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 3 months, 15 days

Description of possible extension:

1 year optional extension period, not included within the budget. subject to budget approval 3 months before original contract end date

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

1 year optional extension

CPV classifications

- 98362100 - Marine-base support services

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

- Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights
- Single supplier - technical reasons

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Supplier

The Marine Biological Association

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJYZ-5215-HPQX

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: Yes

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government