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Award

Provision of Hive Side Training

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY

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Scope

Reference

C30426

Description

Provision of Hive Side Training as part of the Healthy Bees Plan.

Through the provision of hive side training the awarded contractor will provide training to intermediate hobbyist beekeepers to teach beekeepers how to recognise pests and diseases and ensure good husbandry practices.

The requirement is separated into three lots covering three regions:

Lot 1: North of England and Midlands.

Lot 2: South of England.

Lot 3 Wales

Lot 1. Lot 1: North of England and Midlands

Description

Provision of hive side training in the North of England and Midlands.

Lot 2. Lot 2: South of England.

Description

Provision of hive side training in the South of England.

Lot 3. Lot 3 Wales

Description

Provision of hive side training in Wales

Contract 1. Provision of Hive Side Training

Lots

Lot 1. Lot 1: North of England and Midlands

Lot 2. Lot 2: South of England.

Lot 3. Lot 3 Wales

Supplier

- Bee Farmers Association Ltd

Contract value

- £406,000 excluding VAT
- £4,872,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

19 December 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

19 December 2025

Standstill period

- End: 5 January 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

6 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 6 January 2026 to 30 November 2026
- Possible extension to 30 November 2030
- 4 years, 10 months, 26 days

Description of possible extension:

Subject to success in year 1 and ongoing budget approval, the contract may be extended in one year increments.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80531200 - Technical training services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 80540000 - Environmental training services
- 77100000 - Agricultural services
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77110000 - Services incidental to agricultural production

- 80510000 - Specialist training services
- 16640000 - Bee-keeping machinery
- 80531000 - Industrial and technical training services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Information about tenders

Lot 1. Lot 1: North of England and Midlands

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Lot 2. Lot 2: South of England.

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Lot 3. Lot 3 Wales

- 2 tenders received
- 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Participation

This procurement was reserved for

Supported employment providers

Submission

Submission type

Tenders

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Supplier

Bee Farmers Association Ltd

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNHH-5323-ZJYG

The Ramblers Salters Lane, Ludgershall

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United Kingdom

Email: admin@beefarmers.co.uk

Region: UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Provision of Hive Side Training

Contracting authority

ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH AGENCY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government