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Contract

## **Aerial Survey of Areas in the Southwest Celtic Sea for Seabird and Marine Mammal Species for the POSEIDON Project Created Page Actions List Notice: Aerial Survey Of Areas In The Southwest Celtic Sea F**

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F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0395db

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Defra Network eTendering Portal

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London

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#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

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Reference number

ECM 66475

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 60445000 - Aircraft operating services

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

There are four core objectives for this contract.

These are to:

a) Conduct four, seasonal, high precision digital aerial surveys of the red outlined study area in the southwest Celtic Sea. Survey data are to be collected using digital video or still imagery at a minimum of 1.5 cm Ground Surface Distance (GSD) to confidently capture and identify to the lowest taxonomic level possible all birds (in flight and on the water) and marine mammals within the surveyed area. Seasons are defined as:

1) December 2022

2) January – March 2023

3) April – June 2023, and

4) July – September 2023.

Whilst we recognise the challenges of surveying large areas to prescriptive timetables, we would suggest contractors aim for the middle month of survey seasons where practical, and limit as far as possible the total time required to survey the study area within a season. Where surveys have to take place at the beginning or end of seasons, Natural England would appreciate discussions to ensure seasons are separated to an acceptable degree.

b) process imagery to identify all birds, marine mammals, and other objects of interest captured to the lowest taxonomic level possible;

c) Quality Assure results so that pre-agreed data standards are met (e.g. to meet MEDIN standards, JCDP data standards for archival in marine data repositories such as the Marine Data Exchange);

d) produce ArcGIS layers, associated metadata, accompanying .csv files, etc. and four brief reports (one for each of the survey seasons) detailing survey effort and observations for each individual survey within pre-agreed timeframes, likely to be within 6 – 8 weeks of data collection. Files provided should quantify locations, dates and times of surveys in a clearly communicated coordinate system and/or projection, regardless of whether animals were sighted or not.

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £335,093.82

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Defined areas of Southwest Celtic Sea.

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Digital Aerial Survey of Seabirds and Marine Mammal species.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30 / 70 Technical/Commercial

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

This is a call-off from a framework agreement, 'Digital Aerial Surveys for Seabirds and Marine Mammals in English and Welsh Waters'.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

ECM 66475

### **Title**

Aerial Survey of Areas in the Southwest Celtic Sea for Seabird and Marine Mammal Species for the POSEIDON Project.

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

9 January 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

APEM Ltd

A17 Embankment Business Park, Vale Road, Heaton Mersey

Stockport

SK4 3GN

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £335,093.82

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Natural England

Foss House, Kings Pool, 1-2 Peasholme Green

York

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