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# Characterising Electromagnetic Fields and Impacts

Scottish Government

F02: Contract notice

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## Section I: Contracting authority

### I.1) Name and addresses

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#### NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

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Main address

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482)

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

[www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publictendersscotland.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Characterising Electromagnetic Fields and Impacts

Reference number

CASE / 700977

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services

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

Services

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

A Targeted Approach To Characterising EMF From Subsea Cables and Understanding Potential Impacts on Fish and Benthic Species

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £145,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services
- 73112000 - Marine research services
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 73110000 - Research services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The Scottish Government invites a tender from a suitable Service Provider to provide a targeted approach to characterising electromagnetic fields (EMF) from subsea cables and their potential impacts on fish and benthic species.

The Service Provider will provide a technical but accessible review of present methods employed to characterise EMFs and their effects on species. The review will include an assessment of EMF modelling with relevant cable scenarios, methods to measure EMFs in addition to methods to assess impacts on receptive species, with a suite of associated recommendations.

This tender will contribute to the overall understanding of EMF emissions and how species effects may be assessed. This is a precursor to understanding potential population level impacts. The critique of methods, and recommendations will improve subsequent efforts to experimentally assess effects on marine species and support future planning and consenting of sustainable offshore wind.

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

Quality criterion - Name: UNDERSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT / Weighting: 45

Quality criterion - Name: PROJECT RESOURCE / EXPERTISE / Weighting: 32.5

Quality criterion - Name: SCHEDULE OF WORK / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: QUALITY & RISK / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: CLIMATE EMERGENCY / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: COMMUNITY BENEFITS / Weighting: 0

Quality criterion - Name: FAIR WORK FIRST / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 30

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £145,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

14

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Purchaser reserves the right extend the contract for a period of up to 3 months.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract value is not anticipated to exceed 145,000 GBP inclusive of optional extensions.

In accordance with Regulation 72(1) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, the volume of services may be modified at the sole discretion of the Purchaser from the estimated volume specified in the contract.

The Pricing Schedule of the Contract provides a mechanism to manage adjustment the services IF required.

### **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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

4B.4 - Financial Ratios

4B.5.1a/b and 4B.5.2 - Insurance

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

4B.4 - Bidders must demonstrate a Current Ratio of not less than 1.0

Current Ratio will be calculated as follows:

Total Current Assets divided by Total current liabilities.

There must be no qualification or contra-indication from any evidence provided in support of the bidders economic and financial standing.

4B.5.1 - It is a requirement of this contract that bidders hold, or can commit to obtain prior to the commencement of any subsequently awarded contract, the types and levels of insurance indicated below:

4B.5.1b - Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = 5,000,000 GBP

4B.5.2 - Public Liability Insurance (including Abuse Liability) = 5,000,000 GBP

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

4C.1.2 - Relevant Experience

4C.4 - Supply Chain Management/Tracking Systems Used

4C.7 - Environmental Management

4C.10 - Proportion (%) to be Sub-Contracted

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

4C.1.2 - Bidders will be required to provide examples that demonstrate that they have the relevant experience to deliver the services/supplies within the past 356 months.

4C.4 - If bidders intend to use a supply chain to deliver the requirements detailed in the Contract Notice, they should confirm they have (or have access to) the relevant supply chain management and tracking systems to ensure a resilient and sustainable supply chain. This will include confirmation that they have the systems in place to pay subcontractors through the supply chain promptly and effectively, and provide evidence when requested of:

a. their standard payment terms

b. 95% of all supply chain invoices being paid on time (in accordance with the terms of contract) in the last financial year.

If the bidder is unable to confirm (b) they must provide an improvement plan, signed by their Director, which improves the payment performance.

Note:

Accepted evidence includes but is not limited to:

- extract of terms & conditions detailing standard payment terms
- a summarised accounts payable report showing payment on time performance
- credit report

4C.7 - Bidders are required to provide details of the environmental management measures which will be available when performing the contract:

4C.10 - Bidders will be required to confirm whether they intend to subcontract and, if so, for what proportion of the contract.

## **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

10 February 2025

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

10 February 2025

Local time

12:00pm



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Economic operators may be excluded from this competition if they are in any of the situations referred to in regulation 58 of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015.

Single Procurement Document will be scored on a pass/fail basis.

Award Criteria Questions can be found in the ITT together with the weightings.

Question scoring methodology for award criteria outlined in Invitation to Tender.

Bidders must complete the SPD (Scotland) to demonstrate adherence to the exclusion and selection criteria for this procurement.

The Contracting Authority does not intend to include any community benefit requirements in this contract for the following reason: Community benefits have been considered and are not directly related to the type of services required. However, the standard information in the Scottish Government approach to community benefits will be inserted into the ITT and bidders will be asked to outline their approach to community benefits as a non-scored response. If successful, the winning bidder will be required to discuss the content of their community benefit proposal and agree a plan for the delivery of the agreed community benefits which will become a condition of the contract.

The buyer is using PCS-Tender to conduct this ITT exercise. The Project code is 28339. For more information see:

<http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2343>

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

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

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