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Contract

Peatland Code Feasibility Survey - Abernethy - April 2022

RSPB Scotland

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-032771

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

RSPB Scotland

Edinburgh

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA16345

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Charity

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Peatland Code Feasibility Survey to Validation

Compartment A2 and A5, An Lurg Area, RSPB Abernethy Nature Reserve

In line with our strategy, RSPB Scotland has been restoring degraded peatland across our suite of nature reserves for many years thanks to support from various funding streams including the Scottish Government's Peatland ACTION Fund (PAF), distributed by NatureScot and (within the Cairngorms National Park) by Cairngorms National Park Authority Peatland ACTION. The announcement of a GBP 250million commitment to the PAF by the Scottish Government from 2020-2030 has led to an increased ambition to upscale our restoration efforts. With the emergence of the Peatland Code and the prospect of blended funding options to help maximise restoration and help deliver and maintain more degraded peatland, we are keen to assess land eligibility for validation through the Peatland Code prior to undertaking restoration management.

Following restoration of a pilot site on a high-altitude plateau on our Abernethy nature reserve, RSPB Scotland has been working with Cairngorm National Park Authority Peatland ACTION (CNPA PA) team to build plans for restoration across the wider plateau area, as well as potentially lower altitude bog woodland and fen dominated habitat elsewhere. The intention is to apply to CNPA PA for multi-year funding for the restoration of pre-determined and mapped compartments within our Abernethy and Insh Marshes nature reserves. Prior to restoration on any compartment however we require a Peatland Code feasibility assessment to be undertaken through to the point of validation.

Whilst a comprehensive phased plan is being worked up for the wider multi-year restoration application, and due to a lack of internal capacity, we are seeking an

experienced contractor to undertake a detailed assessment – as detailed below – on compartments A2 and A5 on the An Lurg plateau within Abernethy nature reserve (see attached map). These compartments have been identified as the next compartments on which we intend to undertake restoration management. Due to ambitious restoration targets by both the Scottish Government and Cairngorms Connect, we are eager to undertake restoration within the 2022/23 financial year, so we would welcome quotes from contractors who would be able to complete the contract by May 20th, 2022.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM61 - Caithness & Sutherland and Ross & Cromarty

Main site or place of performance

The RSPB Abernethy Reserve is located in Strathspey, lying to the south and south-east of Nethy Bridge.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

See attached documents

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: as per procurement docs / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

N/a

A contract/lot is awarded: No

V.1) Information on non-award

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

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Country

United Kingdom

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