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Tender

Forest Surveys Framework 2026 - 2030

Natural Resources Wales

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Scope

Reference

NRW59833

Description

Natural Resources Wales is seeking to award a framework agreement for the provision of Forest Surveys across Wales.

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) owns and manages approximately 135,000 hectares of land in Wales, ranging from national nature reserves to commercial forests and flood assets. The purpose of the requirement is to provide a range of forest surveys throughout the year. The need for accurate data is essential. We require metrics for evidence (e.g. Audit and certification) and for timber sale purposes. The accuracy of the data collected and confidence in the method used (following UK standards) is key for the downstream use of these metrics, e.g. for sale, valuation or audit purposes.

Further information in relation to the requirement is detailed within the Tender documentation.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £1,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 03000000 - Agricultural, farming, fishing, forestry and related products

Contract locations

- UKL - Wales

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

The framework is split into two lots:

LOT A - Crop Survey (Clearfells & Pre-thin) & Crop Attribute Survey

LOT B - Tree Planting Density Survey

There are no restrictions as to how many lots a supplier can bid for. Suppliers will be invited to bid for all 8 of the geographical areas across Wales for each lot (detailed below) with a chance of being awarded up to a maximum of 5 areas:

North East

North West

Mid North

Mid South

South West (West)

South West (East)

South Central

South East

Please see Invitation to Tender documentation for further information.

Not the same for all lots

Contract dates are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

Lot A. Crop Survey (Clearfells & Pre-thin) & Crop Attribute Survey

Description

Description: Crop Survey (Clearfells & Pre-thin) & Crop Attribute Survey

Lot value (estimated)

- £500,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

The anticipated duration of the framework agreement will be 4 years

2 years with the option to extend for a further 12 x 12 months.

There will be no option to extend once the 4 years has come to an end

The decision on whether to use the above options will be at NRW's discretion.

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract locations are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot B. Tree Planting Density Survey

Description

Description: Tree Planting Density Survey

Lot value (estimated)

- £500,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

The anticipated duration of the framework agreement will be 4 years

2 years with the option to extend for a further 12 x 12 months.

There will be no option to extend once the 4 years has come to an end

The decision on whether to use the above options will be at NRW's discretion

Same for all lots

CPV classifications and contract locations are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

The framework is for the provision of Forest Surveys. The framework will operate in the following way:

NRW will appoint a maximum of 3 suppliers per lot and per geographical area to this framework. Each supplier will be ranked in order first, second and third. Tenderers will be ranked according to a predetermined scoring matrix as set out in the Invitation to Tender documentation.

Work will be directly awarded according to the rates of the framework, to the first ranked supplier in the framework. If the highest ranked supplier has difficulty supplying the work they must decline the offer (usually within 2 days), the work will then be offered to the second ranked supplier, and if they decline, the third. This will be done where NRW deem it appropriate, inclusive of but not limited to the following: -

- The primary supplier not having the capacity, resource or time to deliver the requirement
- The primary supplier frequently fails to deliver in line with the framework
- There is a conflict of interest between the primary supplier and the stakeholders

involved

- There is a need to increase the skill, knowledge and experience to benefit NRW in future

The ranking of the suppliers will be subject to a monthly review based on key performance indicators. If the highest-ranking supplier does not meet the standards expected by NRW for the duration of the contract, NRW reserve the right to terminate your contract.

In the event that none of the suppliers in a particular lot is able to carry out the work required, NRW reserve the right to approach suppliers in neighbouring lots for their availability to carry out the work.

Award method when using the framework

Without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot A. Crop Survey (Clearfells & Pre-thin) & Crop Attribute Survey

Lot B. Tree Planting Density Survey

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
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Submission

Enquiry deadline

11 February 2026, 1:00pm

Tender submission deadline

17 February 2026, 1:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

All documents are available on Bravo eTender Wales:

<https://etenderwales.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/go/34048621019B9DC78D0C>

For any support in submitting

your tender response please contact the eTendering helpdesk on 08003684852 or at help@bravosolution.co.uk

A supplier briefing event is planned for FRIDAY 16th JANUARY 2026 at 10:00 hrs via Microsoft Teams as a continuation of previous market engagement. The purpose of this event is to ensure all interested parties have access to the presentation information.

Please confirm your attendance by no later than Thursday 15th January at 11:00 via the e tendering messaging portal.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

- Welsh
- English

Award decision date (estimated)

23 March 2026

Award criteria**Lot A. Crop Survey (Clearfells & Pre-thin) & Crop Attribute Survey**

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	Quality	50.00%
Price	Price	Price	50.00%

Lot B. Tree Planting Density Survey

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	Quality	50.00%
Price	Price	Price	50.00%

Other information**Applicable trade agreements**

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Natural Resources Wales

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBBR-3628-MPRN

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Region: UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales

