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Contract

Capturing transitional changes in GHGfluxes following peat restoration

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Scope

Reference

C30264

Description

Peatlands are the world's largest terrestrial carbon store, yet most of England's peatlands are degraded, with only 13% of deep peat remaining in near-natural condition. This degradation contributes around 8 MtCO₂e emissions annually, making restoration essential to achieving net zero commitments. The commissioned research will refine and validate a model that quantifies CO₂ uptake during the transition from degraded to restored peatland, establishing peat restoration as a credible source of net greenhouse gas removal (GGR).

The validated model will be integrated into the UK GHG Inventory and the Peatland Code, strengthening Defra's ability to meet its Carbon Budget obligations.

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Supplier

- [UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology \(UKCEH\)](#)

Contract value

- £199,910.80 excluding VAT
- £239,892.96 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

7 January 2026

Contract dates

- 12 January 2026 to 31 March 2028
- 2 years, 2 months, 20 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (UKCEH)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNLJ-4998-WXXW

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government