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Award

M5 Killerton Estate (Devon) National Trust - Landscape Connectivity Masterplan

National Highways Limited

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Scope

Reference

pro_23067 and iTT_1365

Description

National Highways in collaboration with the National Trust require the development of a landscape connectivity masterplan on land adjacent the M5 located specifically on the Killerton Estate (Devon) that is owned by The National Trust.

This masterplan is intended to identify opportunities for wider enhancements (including future funding projects), and help both National Highways & National Trust to deliver towards the following strategies:

- National Highways - Environmental Sustainability Strategy
- National Trust - People and Nature Thriving

Both documents are available within the public domain.

As landowner, the National Trust has exclusive intellectual property rights (IPR) to appoint/nominate and manage both a landscape architect and an ecologist of their choosing.

A direct award is therefore applied under the Procurement Act 2023 and is therefore permissible under Intellectual Property/Exclusive Rights (Procurement Act 2023 Schedule 5, para 5)

The following conditions are met in relation to the public contract—

- (a) due to a particular supplier having intellectual property rights or other exclusive rights, only that supplier can supply the goods, services or works required, and
- (b) there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works.

The masterplan will exemplify the corporate objectives of both National Highways and National Trust to deliver landscape scale connectivity for people and nature, whilst furthering the goals of nature recovery.

Contract 1

Supplier

- The National Trust

Contract value

- £90,000 excluding VAT
- £108,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

13 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 13 January 2026 to 30 April 2026
- 3 months, 19 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71222000 - Architectural services for outdoor areas
- 71220000 - Architectural design services
- 45112710 - Landscaping work for green areas
- 45112700 - Landscaping work
- 45112730 - Landscaping work for roads and motorways
- 71420000 - Landscape architectural services

Contract locations

- BG41 - South-West
- UKK4 - Devon

Participation

Particular suitability

Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

A direct award to The National Trust, who are landowner of the Killerton Estate, Devon that is adjacent the M5 Motorway.

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Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Contract 1

Contracting authority

National Highways Limited

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government