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Planning

Provision of Cloud GIS Software & Services

Scottish Natural Heritage

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.nature.scot>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00383

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Cloud GIS Software & Services

Reference number

PP1392

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212326 - Mapping software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

With almost every activity in NatureScot revolving around location, Geographic Information Systems (GIS)] and geospatial data play a vital role across the full breadth of our organisation. We are currently undertaking a GIS transformation programme that will see NatureScot's GIS infrastructure and services refreshed and migrated to a Cloud platform. We expect to commence a procurement exercise in the summer of 2025 and first wish to obtain information from current market providers to help us further develop our requirement specifications. We are interested to learn to what extent you can help with a variety of technology components and/or support services. We are particularly interested to hear about open-source technologies, as we have less experience in this area, but are open to any technology. We would also be interested to explore managed service options for some, or all, of our proposed GIS enterprise architecture.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72212326 - Mapping software development services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Before formally commencing the procurement process to establish a GIS infrastructure, NatureScot wishes to gather some information that will assist in forming a Statement of Requirements. This is not a call for competition.

Please also refer to the questions at Section VI.3 of this PIN (and the summary description at Section II.1.4).

Note that the date at Section II.3 is only an estimate but we do expect to publish a Contract Notice on the PCS portal during Quarter 2 (July - September) 2025.

II.2.14) Additional information

Please send responses to this PIN to contract.advertising@nature.scot by 1700 hours on 28 March 2025.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 August 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please email your responses to the questions below to contract.advertising@nature.scot by 1700 hours on Friday 28 March 2025.

Please refer to the attached GIS Transformation User Stories, Use cases and Enterprise architecture documents to assist your responses to the questions.

Q1. Are you able to provide the full GIS infrastructure shown in the proposed logical architecture diagram, hosted in a cloud location?

Q2. Are you able to provide any of the individual components shown in Diagram A, hosted in a cloud location, as individual components that can interact with other parts of the infrastructure hosted elsewhere?

Q3. How would you propose providing these infrastructure elements?

Q4. What support could you provide in the set-up, running and maintenance, and learning and development of these infrastructure elements?

Q5. What are the indicative costs for your proposed services?

Q6. Are there any particular recent service developments/innovations within the industry you are aware of, which NatureScot as a contracting authority may not have heard of?

Thank you in advance for your responses to the above.

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=789115.

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