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Planning

OWD - Investment Portfolio for Compensation

Scottish Government

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Government

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Glasgow

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Email

campbell.forsyth2@gov.scot

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

OWD - Investment Portfolio for Compensation

Reference number

CASE/759915

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90711000 - Environmental impact assessment other than for construction

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Scottish Government is considering commissioning a suitable contractor (or consortium) to develop an implementation roadmap for a suite of strategic compensation measures for seabirds suitable for investment relevant to Scottish offshore wind projects. This suite of measures is intended to be available as potential compensation, under the Habitats Regulations, for the environmental impacts of offshore wind development in Scotland.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90711400 - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) services other than for construction
- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services
- 90711300 - Environmental indicators analysis other than for construction

- 90710000 - Environmental management

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Offshore Wind Directorate is considering commissioning a suitable contractor (or consortium) to develop an implementation roadmap for a suite of strategic compensation measures for seabirds suitable for investment relevant to Scottish offshore wind projects. This suite of measures is intended to be available as potential compensation, under the Habitats Regulations, for the environmental impacts of offshore wind development in Scotland.

The increase in scale of Scottish offshore wind development will increase the cumulative pressure on the marine environment, including on protected networks of sites, in particular Special Protection Areas for seabirds. Given the potential magnitude of these impacts associated with the ScotWind and INTOG leasing rounds, we may therefore need to compensate (under the Habitats Regulations) for these impacts at a strategic level. We anticipate that the successful contractor for this project will be asked to examine a succinct list of compensatory measures, which could range from “like-for-like” measures that are directly linked to impacted seabird populations, to wider compensatory measures which would improve the overall condition and resilience of the marine environment but not necessarily directly benefit affected seabird populations.

This project would require the successful contractor to liaise with a wide range of stakeholders and experts across Scotland and the UK to identify and describe in detail the key steps and components involved in delivery of a successful programme of compensatory measures for seabirds. It would culminate in a detailed step-by-step implementation roadmap to deliver each compensatory measure, including (but not limited to):

practical steps/logistics for delivery,

the potential level of compensation provided (along with an estimate of uncertainty),

outline of the monitoring required to determine the level of success of a measure,

estimated costs of delivery of measures,

estimated costs of monitoring the success of an implemented measure,

timings and interdependencies,
skills, expertise and resource required,
risks/opportunities etc.

This work is needed urgently and we anticipate this project to commence during the Summer 2025 and run for approximately five (5) months (including time taken for Scottish Government review and sign off on the final recommendation. Sign off is expected to be 2 x 3 week review periods).

Interested parties are requested to register their interest by reviewing and completing the linked Microsoft Form - Supplier Engagement questionnaire.

Depending on the level of interest generated by this Prior Information Notice, the Scottish Government reserves the right to host a Suppliers' Day.

II.2.14) Additional information

It is envisaged that a single service provider, or consortium shall be appointed following a competitive tender exercise for the future service.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

25 April 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 complete the Microsoft Form Request for Information document below as fully as possible to inform this requirement and allow

Scottish Government to review responses.

Link: <https://forms.office.com/e/vxzvF6hcnR>

Click the link above or copy and paste the link into your internet browser.

Please complete the questionnaire as fully as possible to inform the specification and tender.

Please submit your questionnaire response by no later than 12:00 noon on Friday 28 February 2025.

The PIN and associated questionnaire is for information gathering and market engagement only, this is not a call for competition and response to this questionnaire will not constitute any form of contract, or commitment to contract from Scottish Government. It should be remembered that even where you have indicated that information is commercially sensitive, Scottish Ministers may disclose this information where they see fit.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=790632.

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