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## **Peatland Survey Framework 2025**

Natural Resources Wales

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0295f5

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **NUTS code**

UKL - Wales

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0110](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0110)

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

### **II.1.1) Title**

Peatland Survey Framework 2025

Reference number

itt\_114360

### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79311000 - Survey services

### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

### **II.1.4) Short description**

NRW is seeking to award a framework for the supply of This requirement facilitates delivery of peatland restoration NRW work areas. The requirement comprises various surveys of forestry and peatlands and our requirements are broken down into four distinct topics:

Afforested Peat surveys of Forest stands on Deep peat and assessment of restoration potential base on specification in Lot 1

Hydrological survey and conceptual understanding of all peatland types (not only those on afforested land). Specification Lot 2

Vegetation/peat condition surveys of all peatland types (not only those on afforested land). Specification Lot 3

Protected Species ( Water Vole) surveys and advice Lot 4

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £700,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Hydrological survey and conceptual understanding of all peatland types (not only those on afforested land).

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71351900 - Geology, oceanography and hydrology services
- 71351920 - Oceanography and hydrology services
- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 90722000 - Environmental rehabilitation
- 45262640 - Environmental improvement works

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The programme (and NRW more widely) has a range of hydrological assessment and monitoring requirements for peatland and related terrestrial wetland ecosystems. This specification identifies and characterises the main categories of work required under this lot.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical criteria / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

## **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Vegetation/peat condition surveys of all peatland types (not only those on afforested land

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 09112200 - Peat
- 90722000 - Environmental rehabilitation

- 90711400 - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) services other than for construction
- 45262640 - Environmental improvement works

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Provision of robust data for assessing the effectiveness of restoration techniques, thus enabling an adaptive approach to restoration

Data compatibility with the equivalent national monitoring programmes developed in Scotland and England

Provision of data to enable the development of a peatland restoration biodiversity metric, an element in NRW's proposals for expanding the National Peatland Action Programme

Provision of information to help calibrate activities data captured for sites lacking on-the-ground monitoring evidence by improving our understanding of restoration effect sizes the zone of surrounding peatland benefitting from rewetting a ditch or gulley

The evidence obtained will contribute to improving understanding of the recovery time of peatland vegetation and habitats following restoration and thus inform the development of evidence-based restoration trajectories

Provision of up-to-date condition data to support other key NRW reporting requirements, notably NRW's protected sites monitoring programme, SoNaRR (State of Natural Environment Reporting; NRW, 2022) and reporting on the status of Annex 1 habitats and species under the post-Brexit Habitats Regulations (Regulation 9a).

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### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Protected Species ( Water Vole) surveys and advice

Lot No

4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 71354500 - Marine survey services
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 09112200 - Peat
- 90722000 - Environmental rehabilitation
- 45262640 - Environmental improvement works

- 90711400 - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) services other than for construction

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Natural Resources Wales is responsible for developing and implementing Wales's first National Peatlands Action Programme (NPAP). The purpose of this programme is to restore peatland ecosystems across Wales, with a focus in the first five years of the programme on six priority action themes. The program has identified a need to undertake Water vole *Arvicola amphibius* surveys across a high proportion of its peatland restoration sites, both in terms of pre-restoration site assessments, preparing mitigation plans and license applications, and post restoration monitoring. This specification identifies and characterises the main categories of work required under this lot

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Options: No



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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Afforested Peat surveys of Forest stands on Deep peat and assessment of restoration

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 09112200 - Peat
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 90711400 - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) services other than for construction
- 71351900 - Geology, oceanography and hydrology services
- 71351920 - Oceanography and hydrology services
- 90722000 - Environmental rehabilitation
- 45262640 - Environmental improvement works
- 71355000 - Surveying services
- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77230000 - Services incidental to forestry

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

NRW also require other general survey works, e.g. peat depth surveys, GIS interpretation on the ground ( e.g. marking out of mapped interventions on the ground), and other wider surveys that inform the distribution and character of peatlands across Wales, that may or may not be on the WGWE. Below we detail the specifics of the most technical element of this work, which is the assessment of the WGWE.

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: technical criteria / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

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## **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 8

#### **IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used

Additional information about electronic auction

etenderwales

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-013195](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

25 March 2025

Local time

1:00pm

**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

25 March 2025

Local time

1:00pm

Place

electronically

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: in 2029

### VI.3) Additional information

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING your tender submission – this is done via etenderwales not Sell2Wales.

1. Tenderers should register on the eTendering portal

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

2. Once registered, suppliers must express their interest as follows:

a. Login to the etendering portal.

b. Select ITT

c. Select ITT's Open to all suppliers

d. Access the listing relating to the contract ITT: Itt\_114360 and view details in “Response form” tab section not the "attachment section"

e. Click on 'Express Interest' button in the 'Actions' box on the left hand side of the page.

3. Once you have expressed your interest, the ITT will move to 'My ITTs', where you can download and where you can construct your reply as instructed.

4. For any support in submitting your expression of interest, please contact the eTendering helpdesk on 08003684852 or at [help@bravosolution.co.uk](mailto:help@bravosolution.co.uk)

NOTE: The authority is using eTenderwales to carry out this procurement process. To obtain further information record your interest on Sell2Wales at

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search\\_switch.aspx?ID=148273](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/search_switch.aspx?ID=148273)

Under the terms of this contract the successful supplier(s) will be required to deliver Community Benefits in support of the authority's economic and social objectives. Accordingly, contract performance conditions may relate in particular to social and environmental considerations. The Community Benefits included in this contract are:

non core community benefits

(WA Ref:148273)

The buyer considers that this contract is suitable for consortia.

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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