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Contract

## **Purchase of Passive Acoustic Monitoring & Mooring Devices**

Scottish Government

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-007142

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04b368

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

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

Scottish Government

Marine Directorate, Marine Laboratory, 375 Victoria Road, Torry

Aberdeen

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#### **Contact**

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#### **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](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.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Purchase of Passive Acoustic Monitoring & Mooring Devices

Reference number

CASE/693111

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 38290000 - Surveying, hydrographic, oceanographic and hydrological instruments and appliances

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

Supplies

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

The Scottish Ministers invites tenders for the purchase of autonomous marine acoustic broadband recorders.

The Scottish Ministers requires autonomous marine sound recorders for the purposes of long-term static monitoring of ambient underwater noise, as well as marine mammal vocalisations including whistles, moans and echolocation clicks.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £195,296

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 43131100 - Offshore equipment

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

NUTS codes

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

Main site or place of performance

Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen with equipment being used off Scottish Coastline.

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

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The Scottish Ministers requires autonomous marine sound recorders for the purposes of long-term static monitoring of ambient underwater noise, as well as marine mammal

vocalisations including whistles, moans and echolocation clicks.

This tender is for sound recorders suitable for acoustic monitoring for deployment in inshore and offshore waters. Sound recorders must be capable of being moored for extended periods underwater, recording data autonomously with a programmable option for on/off duty cycle and for sample rate. The devices will be used as part of an array of moored detectors, monitoring cetaceans and underwater noise levels in Scotland's offshore waters.

The equipment will be operated by scientific staff from the Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen or by contracted researchers.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Solution / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery, Training & Support / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Contract Management, Quality Assurance & Risk / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Fair Work First / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 30

#### **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

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

#### 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: [2024/S 000-035531](#)

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## Section V. Award of contract

### Contract No

CASE/693111

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 February 2025

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Swale Technologies Ltd

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Chalgrove

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £195,296

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

SPD will be scored on a pass/fail basis.

Question scoring methodology for Award Criteria outlined in Invitation to Tender.

0 - Unacceptable. Nil or inadequate response. Fails to demonstrate an ability to meet the requirement.

1 - Poor. Response is partially relevant but generally poor. The response addresses some elements of the requirement but contains insufficient/limited detail or explanation to demonstrate how the requirement will be fulfilled.

2 - Acceptable. Response is relevant and acceptable. The response addresses a broad understanding of the requirement but may lack details on how the requirement will be fulfilled in certain areas.

3 - Good. Response is relevant and good. The response is sufficiently detailed to demonstrate a good understanding and provides details on how the requirements will be fulfilled.

4 - Excellent. Response is completely relevant and excellent overall. The response is comprehensive, unambiguous and demonstrates a thorough understanding of the requirement and provides details of how the requirement will be met in full.

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

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

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