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## **Peatland Code Feasibility Survey - Abernethy - April 2022**

RSPB Scotland

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

**20 April 2022, 5:00pm**

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

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

RSPB Scotland

Edinburgh

#### **Email**

[central.procurement@rspb.org.uk](mailto:central.procurement@rspb.org.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA16345](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA16345)

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk>

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

Other type

Charity

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

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

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

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

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

Services

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

Peatland Code Feasibility Survey to Validation

Compartment A2 and A5, An Lurg Area, RSPB Abernethy Nature Reserve

In line with our strategy, RSPB Scotland has been restoring degraded peatland across our suite of nature reserves for many years thanks to support from various funding streams including the Scottish Government's Peatland ACTION Fund (PAF), distributed by NatureScot and (within the Cairngorms National Park) by Cairngorms National Park Authority Peatland ACTION. The announcement of a GBP 250million commitment to the PAF by the Scottish Government from 2020-2030 has led to an increased ambition to upscale our restoration efforts. With the emergence of the Peatland Code and the prospect of blended funding options to help maximise restoration and help deliver and maintain more degraded peatland, we are keen to assess land eligibility for validation through the Peatland Code prior to undertaking restoration management.

Following restoration of a pilot site on a high-altitude plateau on our Abernethy nature reserve, RSPB Scotland has been working with Cairngorm National Park Authority Peatland ACTION (CNPA PA) team to build plans for restoration across the wider plateau area, as well as potentially lower altitude bog woodland and fen dominated habitat elsewhere. The intention is to apply to CNPA PA for multi-year funding for the restoration of pre-determined and mapped compartments within our Abernethy and Insh Marshes nature reserves. Prior to restoration on any compartment however we require a Peatland Code feasibility assessment to be undertaken through to the point of validation.

Whilst a comprehensive phased plan is being worked up for the wider multi-year restoration

application, and due to a lack of internal capacity, we are seeking an experienced contractor to undertake a detailed assessment – as detailed below – on compartments A2 and A5 on the An Lurg plateau within Abernethy nature reserve (see attached map). These compartments have been identified as the next compartments on which we intend to undertake restoration management. Due to ambitious restoration targets by both the Scottish Government and Cairngorms Connect, we are eager to undertake restoration within the 2022/23 financial year, so we would welcome quotes from contractors who would be able to complete the contract by May 20th, 2022.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKM61 - Caithness & Sutherland and Ross & Cromarty

Main site or place of performance

The RSPB Abernethy Reserve is located in Strathspey, lying to the south and south-east of Nethy Bridge.

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

See attached documents

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Start date

13 April 2022

End date

20 May 2022

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

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

Originally published as:

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13 April 2022

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

English

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

Date

13 April 2022

Local time

5:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

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

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

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

[www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)