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Planning

Ventnor Coastal Defence Scheme

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

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Scope

Reference

P-39153

Description

The Environment Agency is currently planning the next phase of the Ventnor Coastal Defence Scheme (the Project).

The town of Ventnor is located on the south coast of the Isle of Wight and is constructed on a large, deep seated coastal landslide complex known as the 'Undercliff'. It is the largest urbanised landslide complex in north-west Europe.

The project is for the refurbishment of over 3km of existing coastal defences to sustain their level of service and protect against coastal erosion, which reduces the risk of catastrophic landslips to the town. The work will involve concrete esplanade repair, installation of wave return walls and, installation of a rock revetment along most of the defences. Challenges include working in a constrained access site, delivery of rock by sea, a high energy marine environment and consideration of marine environmental

designations adjacent to the site area.

This opportunity will likely be contracted via the NEC4 contract suite, either as a full Design & Build ECC or a separate Detailed Design contract and an ECI & Construction contract using the X22 clause. Detailed Design is programmed to last for 2 years before Construction.

Please note: This is NOT a call for competition. All information provided is subject to change including the programme dates, contract value and is not a guarantee of work.

This UK2 notice invites interested suppliers to participate in Preliminary Market Engagement which will be used to develop the preferred procurement option for this opportunity. Participation is not a mandatory requirement.

Total value (estimated)

- £150,000,000 excluding VAT
- £180,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 4 January 2028 to 1 November 2040
- Possible extension to 1 December 2040
- 12 years, 10 months, 29 days

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45243500 - Sea defences construction work
- 45243000 - Coastal-defence works
- 45246410 - Flood-defences maintenance works
- 45246400 - Flood-prevention works
- 71311000 - Civil engineering consultancy services
- 45243200 - Breakwater construction work
- 45240000 - Construction work for water projects
- 71500000 - Construction-related services
- 71300000 - Engineering services
- 45244000 - Marine construction works
- 45232440 - Construction work for sewage pipes
- 90710000 - Environmental management

Contract locations

- UKJ34 - Isle of Wight

Engagement

Engagement deadline

20 February 2026

Engagement process description

Preliminary Market Engagement will be used to gauge market interest and gather market intelligence on the risks, opportunities and commercial approach for this opportunity. Participation is not a pre-requisite for inclusion in the tender list, but supplier feedback will be considered when determining the preferred delivery model and procurement option.

Parties should express their interest via contacting the email address detailed in this notice. Parties will then receive an information pack and questionnaire. Subsequent activities may be organised at a later date.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 June 2027

Contracting authority

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

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