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Award

CEFAS25-122 ITT to provide RPA flights in Sizewell region for BEEMS project

CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE SCIENCE

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Scope

Reference

C32142

Description

The BEEMS (British EDF Estuarine and Marine Studies) programme is funded by NNB Generation Company Sizewell C (NNB GenCo SZC). Through this programme, Cefas provide authoritative scientific information on the marine and transitional waters in the vicinity of potential new build nuclear power stations and require a Supplier to deliver the element described below.

To support the delivery of the BEEMS Programme, Cefas require the Supplier to provide aerial data collection using a Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) in the Sizewell to Thorpeness region on a quarterly basis. It is anticipated that the first flight will be undertaken in March 2026 and the final flight in December 2028 (with extension options as per point 4).

On occasion, additional flights may be required, therefore Cefas requests a day rate cost

in Appendix 6, for flights of a similar nature in the vicinity of Sizewell area.

The purpose of this work is to safely conduct regular RPA flights in accordance with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) guidelines at the above locations for the purpose of acquiring survey data to meet environmental monitoring requirements.

The Supplier's flight team will manage the planning, notifications, and safe execution of each survey.

The Contract implementation is expected to start February 2026, and the initial Contract period will end 31 December 2028, with the option to extend by 2 further periods of 12 months each to maximum end date of 31 December 2030.

Contract 1. CEFAS25-122 Contract to provide RPA flights in Sizewell region for BEEMS project

Supplier

- StirlingX Limited

Contract value

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

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

2 February 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

3 February 2026

Standstill period

- End: 12 February 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

16 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 February 2026 to 31 December 2028
- Possible extension to 31 December 2030
- 4 years, 10 months, 13 days

Description of possible extension:

2 x 12 months each

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79311000 - Survey services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Information about tenders

- 4 tenders received
- 4 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 4 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 3 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

StirlingX Limited

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXYJ-5582-TZYG

3rd Floor, 86-90 Paul Street

London

EC2A 4NE

United Kingdom

Email: sales@stirlingx.io

Region: UKI41 - Hackney and Newham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Connected people/organisations:

Gallos Technology Limited

Companies House number 13610180

3rd Floor 86-90 Paul Street, London, EC2A 4NE, UK

Control conditions: owns shares, has voting rights

Associated people/organisations:

Not applicable

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Contracting authority

CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE SCIENCE

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Region: UKH14 - Suffolk

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government