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Contract

CivTech 8.6 - How can biodiversity credits be designed in a way that provides simplicity for projects and buyers, and enables investment in Scotland's nature?

Scottish Natural Heritage

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Natural Heritage

Great Glen House, Leachkin Road

Inverness

IV3 8NW

Contact

Leigh Syme

Email

leigh.syme@gov.scot

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM62 - Inverness & Nairn and Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.nature.scot>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00383

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

CivTech 8.6 - How can biodiversity credits be designed in a way that provides simplicity for projects and buyers, and enables investment in Scotland's nature?

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Biodiversity credits are an economic instrument that can be used to finance actions that result in measurable nature positive outcomes for biodiversity and the environment. They directly address the need for investment in natural capital, beyond nature's role in managing the carbon cycle.

Biodiversity credits differ to biodiversity offsets - they can be part of a company's nature-positive journey, an investment in nature's recovery, rather than an offset for damage.

The development of biodiversity credit markets has the potential to help address the 20 Billion (GPD) finance gap for nature in Scotland by leveraging responsible private investment into nature recovery, in line with the Scottish Government's Biodiversity Strategy and Natural Environment Bill and the Interim Principles for Responsible Investment in Natural Capital.

Please visit our website for information on CivTech and how to get involved:

<https://www.civtech.scot/civtech-8-challenge-6-simplifying-and-enabling-investment-in-scotlands-nature>

<https://www.civtech.scot/how-to-apply-civtech-8>

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: £526,500

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

CivTech's mission is to drive daring and innovation in the public sector by collaboratively solving Challenges that make people's lives better – and in doing so create generations of sustainable, high growth businesses.

CivTech brings together public sector expertise and private sector innovation to solve real problems, develop new products, and deliver better, faster and easier services for everyone. Central to the approach is co-production with the citizen.

Part of the Scottish Government's Digital Directorate, CivTech's approach is helping transform public sector engagement with tech and innovation, delivering significant benefits to public services, producing genuine uplifts for the Scottish economy - and along the way, making lives better.

Across the country there are problems public sector organisations would like to solve and in the current environment the need for smart, efficient and effective products has never been greater. The Scottish Government is aware innovation is a good way to create them and is committed to ensuring a large part of its tech spend goes to smaller, innovative businesses. This is where CivTech comes in.

The CivTech Innovation Flow is designed to create products as quickly and effectively as possible, and uses a true Accelerator model at the heart of its Innovation Flow model. For you – whether you're an individual, team or company – it's an opportunity to take on a Challenge, solve it, and win contracts with a blue-chip public sector organisation. You'll build a product, and a business to take it as far as possible. Because here's the kicker: the Challenges we issue aren't 'single organisation' problems – most exist worldwide.

In short: Open Challenges are set. Any organisation, team or individual can respond.

Applications are assessed, and shortlisted proposals go into an Exploration Stage where they're developed further [for which participating applicants are paid]. The best go through to the Accelerator – a period of intensive work to create the solution, and through CivTech's unique business workshop system, a business capable of taking the product to the world.

This Challenge is also one of the first being launched as part of the Innovate for Nature strategy, and falls under Mission 2. For more information on Innovate for Nature and its Missions please visit the dedicated page on our website.

<https://www.civtech.scot/innovate-for-nature>

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<https://www.civtech.scot/how-to-apply-civtech-8>

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

Required due to tight timescales

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: [2022/S 000-031695](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

4 September 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 12

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 12

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 12

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 12

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CreditNature

Harwell Innovation Centre, Harwell Campus

Oxford

ox11 0qg

Telephone

+44 7802829765

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £800,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £526,500

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please ensure all documentation attached to this notice is read carefully

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom