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Planning

LiDAR-coupled Digital Aerial Surveys

NATURAL ENGLAND

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Scope

Description

Natural England is currently implementing the ReSCUE (Reducing Seabird Collisions Using Evidence) project. ReSCUE is a multi-partner, multi-year initiative funded by The Crown Estate through the Offshore Wind Evidence & Change (OWEC) Programme. The project aims to develop our understanding of seabird flight heights to improve collision risk assessments and inform effective mitigation measures that reduce seabird collisions with offshore wind turbines. We will achieve this by: (a) providing confidence in methods of seabird flight height estimation; (b) assembling existing, and collecting new, fit-for-purpose evidence on seabird flight heights, and; (c) creating publicly available datasets and tools, and carrying out analyses that will inform guidance and recommendations for impact assessments and mitigation. This contract relates to evidence collection informing the above aims (a) and (b) and will contribute to the creation of outputs for aim (c). The upcoming contract aims to appoint a supplier(s) of Digital Aerial Surveys (DAS) coupled with airborne Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) to collect data on the abundance and distribution of seabirds, and to provide altitude data for birds in flight. This will provide data to address evidence gaps that have been identified for specific species, areas (including within offshore wind farms), and times of year.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2025 to 31 August 2026
- Possible extension to 31 January 2027
- 1 year, 6 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 90711500 - Environmental monitoring other than for construction

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

11 April 2025

Engagement process description

In December 2024, we conducted initial market engagement with several suppliers to assess their capabilities and gain insights into the market. We are now seeking broader market input to refine the strategy for a potential tender. We encourage interested

suppliers to register their interest in this project and submit any questions via the sourcing portal or by email. Suppliers who believe a meeting is necessary should provide evidence of their capability to deliver the digital aerial surveys coupled with LiDAR by sending a message through the sourcing portal or by email. To ensure productive discussions, we kindly ask suppliers to submit relevant questions in advance. All Q&A raised during the process will be shared in the tender package. The Authority reserves the right to amend or withdraw this opportunity.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 May 2025

Contracting authority

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