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## **Orkney Community Wind Farms (OCWF) - Balance of Plant Contract**

Orkney Islands Council

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

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

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<http://www.orkney.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00369](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00369)

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

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

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Orkney Community Wind Farms (OCWF) - Balance of Plant Contract

Reference number

OIC/PROC/2143

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

- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work

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

Works

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

Orkney Islands Council (OIC) is developing Orkney Community Wind Farms, comprising two windfarms in the Orkney Islands. Quanterness wind farm, located on Mainland Orkney (Northwest of Kirkwall), consisting of six circa 4.8 MW Wind Turbine Generators. Faray wind farm, located on the uninhabited island of Faray in the North isles, consisting of six circa 4.8 MW Wind Turbine Generators. Both wind farms have obtained all planning consent and grid connection agreements. Quanterness is due to commence operation in June 2028, with Faray commencing operation in May 2030.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £20,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work
- 45220000 - Engineering works and construction works

- 45223500 - Reinforced-concrete structures
- 45232200 - Ancillary works for electricity power lines
- 45232220 - Substation construction work
- 45233226 - Access road construction work
- 45244000 - Marine construction works
- 45244200 - Jetties

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

NUTS codes

- UKM65 - Orkney Islands

Main site or place of performance

Orkney Islands, Mainland and Faray

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

The Balance of Plant works required for Orkney Community Wind Farms is to complete the design and build of the civils and electrical works in advance of the WTG installer. This will include the following works:

Project and technical management

HSE coordination

Provision of required site facilities for staff

Permit control

Site design (clarifying approved design and implementing)

Site clearance, excavation preparation works

Access roads and crane pads

WTG foundations

Substation building and installation

Cable ducting, installation and commissioning

Maintenance and protection of all installed items during construction phase

Site clearance of all materials, equipment etc

Snagging and defects lists

Orkney Islands Council proposes to enter into a Balance of Plant contract for the civil and electrical works to build out Quanterness Wind Farm, with the option for the successful Contractor to also enter into a Pre Construction Services Agreement (PCSA) for Faray Wind Farm to assist with the design, planning and discharge of consents for Faray which includes the design and build of a new landing jetty on the uninhabited island. A decision on whether to enter into a Balance of Plant contract for the civil and electrical works to built out Faray Wind Farm will be subject to future investment decision by the Council.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Note estimated value of this procurement is based on Quanterness BOP and Faray also being progressed to BOP.

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

16 June 2025

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### **Section IV. Procedure**

#### **IV.1) Description**

##### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The Authority wishes to engage with potential suppliers regarding the proposed procurement via a Meet the Buyer event.

The purpose of the Meet the Buyer Event is to give any contractors interested in tendering for the Orkney Community Wind Farms (the Projects) Balance of Plant contract (including those seeking to explore the sub-contracting potential of the project), the opportunity to:

- meet the Client (Orkney Islands Council) and the Project Team developing the projects;
- learn more about the overall requirements for the delivery of the Projects;
- learn more about the technical development of the Projects;
- learn more about the proposed procurement procedure, and timescales of the projects
- provide feedback to the OIC and the Project Team on the proposals.

The Meet the Buyer Event is to facilitate market engagement taking place in advance of the formal procurement process. The event will be conducted in a fully transparent manner with all presentations, questions and answers fully documented and shared with all registered participants and the Council.

Further details on the Meet the Buyer event including how to register will be uploaded to this Notice.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Public Contracts Scotland Web Site at

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=794057](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=794057).

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