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Award

Noise modelling system (NMS)

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Scope

Reference

C33015

Description

The provision of Defra's Noise Modelling System ("NMS") software and live service support including management, maintenance, hosting and development of the NMS in England, with optional use for Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

The purpose of this Contract Award Notice is to announce Defra's intention to enter into a contract for provision of the NMS with Noise Consultants Limited (NCL) for 3 years, with the option to extend by a further year, at a total maximum cost of £12m (net of VAT) over the maximum 4 year term.

The core capabilities required for this Contract are:

- to provide IT service management and hosting for the NMS;
- to continue to provide licensing of necessary software and datasets required to run the

NMS; and

- to deliver an updated set of noise modelling calculations and datasets.

The contract also includes the optional capability:

- to introduce NMS enhancements;
- to migrate the existing NMS into Defra's cloud hosting tenancy; and
- for other public bodies to utilise the NMS.

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Supplier

- Noise Consultants Limited (NCL)

Contract value

- £12,000,000 excluding VAT
- £14,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

12 February 2026

Standstill period

- End: 23 February 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

28 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2029
- Possible extension to 28 February 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

The 1 year extension may be invoked in the event that Defra requires more time to migrate the existing NMS to their cloud tenancy.

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The contract also includes the optional capability:

- (a) to introduce NMS enhancements;

- (b) to migrate the existing NMS into Defra's cloud hosting tenancy; and
- (c) for other public bodies to utilise the NMS.

CPV classifications

- 90742400 - Noise pollution advisory services
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Supplier

Noise Consultants Limited (NCL)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCWZ-7683-BLLY

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Bristol

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United Kingdom

Email: contact@noiseconsultants.co.uk

Region: UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: Yes

Public service mutual: Yes

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Contracting authority

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government