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Award

Ecology Surveys Framework

PORTSMOUTH WATER LIMITED

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Scope

Description

Portsmouth Water is procuring a Framework Agreement for the provision of a range of ecology surveys throughout their operational area in Portsmouth, Hampshire and West Sussex. The services will be divided into 3 lots covering:

1. Terrestrial Ecology
2. Aquatic Ecology.
3. Arboriculture

Terrestrial services will comprise a range of desk and field surveys to establish the presence or absence of species including bats, the hazel dormouse, otter, water vole, badger, amphibians, reptiles, butterflies and moths.

Aquatic services will comprise range of river and bankside surveys to provide habitat mapping and reporting. The surveys will include invertebrates, aquatic plants and fish.

Arboriculture services to provide an arboriculture impact assessment, method statement and tree protection plan to record species, dimensions and quality of the trees on the various sites.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Lot 1. Terrestrial Ecology

Description

A range of desk and field surveys to establish the presence or absence of species including bats, the hazel dormouse, otter, water vole, badger, amphibians, reptiles, butterflies and moths. The surveys will collect information on sites, site information, species records, habitat information and distribution including population forecasts. Other services to be provided will include surveys using the National Vegetation Classification and Biodiversity Net Gain. Surveys may include a suitably qualified Ecological Clerk of Works as required.

Services will include a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal comprising a desk study and a field survey. This will include gathering site information, species records, habitat information and distribution information focusing protected habitats and/or species. Surveys should be undertaken by qualified and experienced professionals with an understanding of nature conservation legislation and planning.

Bat surveys will include a Preliminary Roost Assessment and ecologists will arrange visits at dusk to listen, record and observe roosts to compile information on species, numbers, access points, roosting locations and flightpaths. Surveys will involve the use of night vision aids and thermal imaging cameras.

Further services will include ground level tree assessments, potential roost feature inspection surveys and bat activity surveys involving nighttime bat walkovers, automatic/static detectors and bat sound analysis. Bat box checks and hibernation surveys will also be required with the potential for bat trapping with results collated to record species, time of capture, weather conditions and biometric data.

Surveys will be required to establish the presence/absence of otter and water vole by qualified and experienced ecologists in accordance with Natural England guidance.

The hazel dormouse is present on some sites and there will be a requirement for nest box checks and footprint tunnel checks to produce reports mapping the distribution of the hazel dormouse on PW sites.

Surveys will be required to establish the presence/absence of badgers and collated into survey reports. In some instances mitigation measures may be required and/or sett creation. Appropriate licences will be required.

Surveys will be required to determine the presence/absence of amphibians including population size in water bodies and terrestrial and aquatic habitat surveys. Environmental DNA analysis will be required to assess the presence or absence of great crested newts. Survey techniques may include refuge searching, egg searching, netting, torching and bottle traps.

Population estimate surveys will be required to establish the population and distribution of reptiles by placing felts in suitable locations between April and October each year.

Terrestrial invertebrates will be surveyed. Butterflies will be determined by walking a transect twice a month between April to October. Moths will be surveyed using moth traps on four occasions each year. Saproxyllic species will be surveyed using aerial interception traps, beating, hand searching and light trapping.

Habitat surveys shall be undertaken by appropriately trained, experienced and qualified surveyors.

The community of plants in any habitat will be determined using the national vegetation classification including onsite surveys, sampling and data analysis.

Biodiversity net gain will be measured using the statutory biodiversity metric measures using site visits, desk study, mapping and baseline/pre-development calculations with post-development calculations and reports.

Services performed under this Lot may require the services of an Ecological Clerk of Works. Tasks will include (but not limited to), pre-construction checks, nesting bird checks, implementing Construction Environmental Management Plans, tool box talks for site staff and an ecological watching brief.

Other surveys not otherwise specified may be required in accordance with relevant industry guidelines and best practice.

Lot 2. Aquatic Ecology

Description

A range of river and bankside surveys to provide habitat mapping and reporting. The surveys will include invertebrates, aquatic plants and fish. Surveys will include Modular River Physical Surveys, River Condition Assessments, habitat mapping, surveys of macroinvertebrates and macrophytes as well as water quality monitoring including laboratory analysis.

Initial surveys should include the identification and selection of locations for fixed point photography to provide visual evidence where works are proposed and the impact during and after implementation of any works.

A modular river physical bankside survey is required to complete a River Condition Assessment. A report including recommendations must be produced and geomorphological surveys may also be commissioned as part of the Environment Agency licence to impound water.

Habitat mapping will be required to identify functional fish habitats. The full length of any watercourse should be walked and mapped onto a high-resolution map with key habitats/structures recorded. Where possible data should be collected digitally.

Macroinvertebrate monitoring surveys are required to determine the success of any translocation works in watercourses or habitat improvement work in pond habitats. Samples taken should be analysed in the laboratory to Environment Agency requirements. A report with recommendations will be required.

Macrophyte monitoring surveys are required to determine the success of any translocation works in watercourses or habitat improvement works in pond habitats. Survey data should be processed using standard biotic indices. A report with recommendations will be required.

Fish populations shall be monitored using electric fishing surveys undertaken by experienced personnel in accordance with industry guidelines.

Water quality monitoring surveys will be required to determine changes in water quality. Surveys will be conducted using multiparameter logging instruments and spot sampling from the water's edge. Results will be analysed and a report shall be produced

Services performed under this Lot may require the services of an Ecological Clerk of Works. Tasks will include (but not limited to), pre-construction checks, nesting bird

checks, implementing Construction Environmental Management Plans, tool box talks for site staff and an ecological watching brief.

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Lot 3. Arboriculture

Description

Services to provide an arboricultural impact assessment, method statement and tree protection plan to record species, dimensions and quality of the trees on the various sites. Services of an arborist will also be required to monitor and supervise works as a watching brief during site clearance and construction. Services will include tree inspections and tree hazard assessments.

A tree constraints plan is required to identify the desired tree retention category of the trees. All tree inspections are to be undertaken using the visual tree assessment methodology, including the diagnosis of structural defects and an evaluation of their significance from visible signs and the application of biomechanical criteria. Surveys will be undertaken in accordance with industry guidelines.

Basic tree inspection surveys and a tree hazard assessment will be required to identify foreseeable defects, symptoms of tree disease, fungi or pathogens. The tree hazard inspection will involve production of a report of the survey zones, a risk analysis and a schedule of recommended ongoing monitoring

An arborist will be required to supervise works including sensitive excavation in root protection areas, investigative digging, tree protection fence checks, tagging trees for felling, pruning, remedial tree works or advice during installation of ground protection systems.

Services performed under this Lot may require the services of an Ecological Clerk of Works. Tasks will include (but not limited to), pre-construction checks, nesting bird checks, implementing Construction Environmental Management Plans, tool box talks for site staff and an ecological watching brief.

Other surveys not otherwise specified may be required in accordance with relevant industry guidelines and best practice.

Contract 1. Ecology Surveys Framework - Lot 1 Terrestrial Ecology

Lots

Lot 1. Terrestrial Ecology

Suppliers (3)

- ECOLOGICAL SURVEY & ASSESSMENT LIMITED
- Middlemarch Environmental Ltd
- Tetra Tech Limited

Contract value

- £1,007,930.25 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

11 February 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

11 February 2026

Standstill period

- End: 23 February 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

24 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 1 April 2034
- 8 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 92534000 - Wildlife preservation services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Contract 2. Ecology Surveys Framework - Lot 2 Aquatic Ecology

Lots

Lot 2. Aquatic Ecology

Suppliers (2)

- FIVE RIVERS ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACTING LTD
- RSK BIOCENSUS LIMITED

Contract value

- £613,449.64 including VAT

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Contract locations

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Contract 3. Ecology Surveys Framework - Lot 3

Lots

Lot 3. Arboriculture

Suppliers (2)

- DRYAD TREE SPECIALISTS LIMITED
- Tetra Tech Limited

Contract value

- £140,995.69 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

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Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Submission

Submission type

Requests to participate

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Suppliers

DRYAD TREE SPECIALISTS LIMITED

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNNY-4581-LWNR

4 Latimer Street

Romsey

SO51 8DG

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@dryad-trees.co.uk

Website: <https://dryad-trees.co.uk/>

Region: UKJ36 - Central Hampshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 3. Ecology Surveys Framework - Lot 3

ECOLOGICAL SURVEY & ASSESSMENT LIMITED

- Companies House: 06129868
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCQN-5918-YHHV

3 Eastwood Court

Romsey

SO51 8JJ

United Kingdom

Email: admin@ecosa.co.uk

Website: <http://www.ecosa.co.uk>

Region: UKJ36 - Central Hampshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Ecology Surveys Framework - Lot 1 Terrestrial Ecology

FIVE RIVERS ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACTING LTD

- Companies House: 05084974
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCZJ-2138-MXRQ

Juniper 4, East Farm

Codford

BA12 0PG

United Kingdom

Email: sales@five-rivers.com

Website: <https://five-rivers.com/>

Region: UKK15 - Wiltshire CC

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 2. Ecology Surveys Framework - Lot 2 Aquatic Ecology

Middlemarch Environmental Ltd

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJCV-7739-RGHG

Triumph House, Birmingham Road

Allesley, Coventry

CV5 9AZ

United Kingdom

Email: hello@middlemarch.eco

Region: UKG33 - Coventry

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Ecology Surveys Framework - Lot 1 Terrestrial Ecology

RSK BIOCENSUS LIMITED

- Companies House: 04364279
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWJN-4153-XMGM

Spring Lodge, 172 Chester Road

Frodsham

WA6 0AR

United Kingdom

Email: ecologybidding@rskbiocensus.com

Website: <http://www.rskbiocensus.co.uk>

Region: UKD63 - Cheshire West and Chester

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 2. Ecology Surveys Framework - Lot 2 Aquatic Ecology

Tetra Tech Limited

- Companies House: 01959704
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYMX-4347-BVYM

3 Sovereign Square

Leeds

LS1 4ER

United Kingdom

Email: opportunities@tetrattech.com

Website: <http://www.tetratecheurope.com>

Region: UKE42 - Leeds

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Ecology Surveys Framework - Lot 1 Terrestrial Ecology

Contract 3. Ecology Surveys Framework - Lot 3

Contracting authority

PORTSMOUTH WATER LIMITED

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Region: UKJ35 - South Hampshire

Organisation type: Private utility