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## **mNCEA Use and Existence values for Wading Birds, Seabirds, and Marine Mammals**

NATURAL ENGLAND (Defra Network eTendering Portal)

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Call for competition

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

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

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

mNCEA Use and Existence values for Wading Birds, Seabirds, and Marine Mammals

Reference number

C17435

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

Services

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

The intent of this notice is to notify industry an open competition for 'mNCEA Use and Existence values for Wading Birds, Seabirds, and Marine Mammals'. The competition shall commence 22nd of May 2023 shall close 21 June 2023

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

This contract is about designing a series of surveys to generate values for natural capital assets, delivering the data collection and econometric analysis for this work area.

1. Cultural values for the wading birds, marine mammals and seabirds

The first strand of this project is to estimate cultural values for wading birds, marine mammals and seabirds using monetary valuation techniques, to link with ecological data being collected for the same species. We are seeking to understand the motivation for recreational visits to the coast to determine how they are influenced by wildlife watching; who are the beneficiaries of recreational visits; and how a change in the abundance and diversity of key species could affect their value to society. The work will focus on determining the value of wildlife recreation, with, if possible, existence values determined as a secondary aim. There will also be a focus on how the value of wildlife recreation relates to population sizes and frequency of wildlife interaction, which should also be connected to the relevant descriptors for, and perceptions of, Good Environmental Status for these species (and to the work in the second strand, below). These values will be elicited using face to face surveys in three specific locations:

- I. Eider duck in Northumberland
- II. Bottlenose dolphin and Bluefin Tuna in Cornwall
- III. Wading birds in Morecambe Bay and Duddon Estuary

with additional online national surveys.

## 2. Economic value of a component of marine natural capital linked to one of the Good Environmental Status (GES) descriptors

The second strand of this project is to estimate monetary values of a marine natural capital component linked to one of the Good Environmental Status (GES) descriptors (which will be defined in advance by Natural England and our partners). This will require an online, national-level stated preference questionnaire focusing on a marine natural capital component to understand how individuals value whether GES is achieved.

The outcome of GES strand of the project is as follows:

- Understand the benefits or disbenefits to society of a GES descriptor being 'achieved' vs 'not achieved' based on ecosystem service valuation and market analyses.
- Produce evidence that can be used in appraisal mechanisms (such as cost benefit analysis or regulatory impact assessment) for assessing the implications of management decisions to support achieving GES.

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<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

### II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

17 July 2023

End date

16 July 2025

**II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest**

Date

21 June 2023

Local time

5:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures**

17 July 2023

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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