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# How can technology help us detect beaver burrows in the wild and assess their associated risks to public and private interests?

Scottish Natural Heritage

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# **Section I: Contracting authority**

# I.1) Name and addresses

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## Country

**United Kingdom** 

#### **NUTS** code

UKM62 - Inverness & Nairn and Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

http://www.nature.scot

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0038

## I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

# I.3) Communication

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

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

# I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local Agency/Office

## I.5) Main activity

General public services

# **Section II: Object**

## II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

How can technology help us detect beaver burrows in the wild and assess their associated risks to public and private interests?

#### 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

Beavers are a protected species. However their burrowing sometimes causes us problems. Burrows have been associated with breaching of flood banking and water impoundments, undermining of infrastructure and collapse of sections of riverbank, impacting on businesses and livelihoods. Entrances to beaver burrows are usually dug below water, which can make detection difficult. A non-invasive method needs to be developed in order to both reliably detect potentially problematic burrows and assess the risk the burrow presents to infrastructure and people. A successful method will help anticipate the risk of problems arising from burrows, allowing targeted mitigation to help us live alongside beavers.

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https://www.civtech.scot/how-to-apply

https://www.civtech.scot/selection-process

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £650,000

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

## II.2) Description

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

- 72000000 IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 90720000 Environmental protection

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

· UKM - Scotland

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

CivTech's mission is to drive daring and innovation in the public sector by collaboratively solving Challenges that make people's lives better – and in doing so create generations of sustainable, high growth businesses.

CivTech brings together public sector expertise and private sector innovation to solve real problems, develop new products, and deliver better, faster and easier services for everyone. Central to the approach is co-production with the citizen.

Part of the Scottish Government's Digital Directorate, CivTech's approach is helping transform public sector engagement with tech and innovation, delivering significant benefits to public services, producing genuine uplifts for the Scottish economy - and along the way, making lives better.

Across the country there are problems public sector organisations would like to solve and in the current environment the need for smart, efficient and effective products has never been greater. The Scottish Government is aware innovation is a good way to create them and is committed to ensuring a large part of its tech spend goes to smaller, innovative businesses. This is where CivTech comes in.

The CivTech Innovation Flow is designed to create products as quickly and effectively as possible, and uses a true Accelerator model at the heart of its Innovation Flow model. For you – whether you're an individual, team or company – it's an opportunity to take on a Challenge, solve it, and win contracts with a blue-chip public sector organisation. You'll build a product, and a business to take it as far as possible. Because here's the kicker: the Challenges we issue aren't 'single organisation' problems – most exist worldwide.

In short: Open Challenges are set. Any organisation, team or individual can respond. Applications are assessed, and shortlisted proposals go into an Exploration Stage which runs from the 15th of August to the 2nd of September 2022, where they are then developed further [and for which participating applicants are paid]. The best go through to

the Accelerator – a period of intensive work to create the solution, and through CivTech's unique business workshop system, a business capable of taking the product to the world. The Accelerator Stage will run from the 3rd of October 2022 to the 28th of January 2023.

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#### 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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Extensions may be required in order for the work to be completed

#### II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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

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

# Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

## III.1) Conditions for participation

#### III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

## Section IV. Procedure

## IV.1) Description

## IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

due to the timescales of the contract accelerated procedure is required.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

## IV.2) Administrative information

#### IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

28 June 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

# English

# IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

# IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

28 June 2022

Local time

12:00pm

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

## VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

## VI.3) Additional information

Suppliers should ensure that they read all documentation attached to this opportunity.

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Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

A sub-contract clause has been included in this contract. For more information see: <a href="http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363">http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/info/InfoCentre.aspx?ID=2363</a>

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# VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

**Edinburgh Sheriff Court** 

27 Chambers Street

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Country

**United Kingdom**