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#### Contract

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

Scottish Natural Heritage

F03: Contract award notice

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# **Section I: Contracting authority**

# I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Natural Heritage

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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

 $\frac{https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0038}{3}$ 

# I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

# 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.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £178,000

# 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

## 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 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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## Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

# V.2) Award of contract

#### V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

20 March 2023

#### V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Jeremy Benn Associates Limited

Unit 2.1, Quantum Court, Research Avenue South, Heriot Watt Research Park

Riccarton, Edinburgh

**EH14 4AP** 

Country

**United Kingdom** 

NUTS code

• UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

## V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £650,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £178,000

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

# VI.3) Additional information

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

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# VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

27 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LB

Country

United Kingdom