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## **RSPB Minsmere: Scrape enhancement**

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS

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

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

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS

The Lodge

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKH - East of England

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/1be7dba1-69cf-424d-ae27-456f4973a7d9>

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**

Other type

Charity

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

RSPB Minsmere: Scrape enhancement

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45000000 - Construction work

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

#### II.1.4) Short description

The objective of this project is to enhance the scrape at Minsmere by the rejuvenation of existing islands, construction of new islands, constructing/removing/reprofiling bunds, installing new water control structures and creating variation in the topography of the bed of the lagoon.

To achieve this, 27 islands will be rejuvenated/created/enlarged, and 9 new sluices installed. 100m of new bund to be created, 220m removed and 400m built up. 620m<sup>3</sup> reed rhizomes to be relocated. Spoil will be won from locations both inside and outside the scrape and which will have to be transported around the site (approx. 4168m<sup>3</sup>).

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

### II.2) Description

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

Main site or place of performance

Minsmere Nature reserve

Westleton

Saxmundham

Suffolk

IP17 3BY

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

The aim of the project is the rejuvenation of the iconic Minsmere 'Scrape' to benefit a range of breeding and wintering birds. The Scrape is old: the lagoons lack topographical variation and there are large areas of 'dead ground' (e.g. lagoon edge and encroaching reedbed) that are unsuitable for use by key species. Islands available for breeding birds are very small and make up a small proportion of the total scrape area. Hydrological management of the lagoon is a challenge at present and causes disturbance to wildlife, especially during the breeding season. There is a need to modify these and install new structures to increase hydrological flexibility in flooding and draining the lagoons and achieving optimum salinity.

The project will make improvements to 24 ha of lagoon, by rejuvenating and enlarging islands, improving hydrological control and increasing the amount of lagoon habitat. Larger, remodelled islands will provide more nesting habitat for Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis*, Common Tern *S. hirundo*, Mediterranean Gull *Larus melanocephalus* and Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*. The topography of the larger islands will vary, with some higher areas sloping down into lower areas to allow more island to become exposed as the water level draws down over the breeding season. In general, these lower areas will be tilted towards the hides to maximise opportunity for the birds to be observed. It will also ensure a muddy feeding edge for wader chicks throughout the season. It will be important to work closely with RSPB staff throughout the creation of these islands to ensure that they are fit for purpose.

The project will be carried out over three years, starting in the autumn of 2021. The ideal working window for this each year is end of Aug - mid November. This is due to nesting birds in the spring and early summer and the ground conditions which can deteriorate rapidly from mid-November, or earlier if we have a wet autumn.

#### **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

36

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

**II.2.14) Additional information**

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **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

4 August 2021

Local time

5:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

4 August 2021

Local time

6:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

Institution of Civil Engineers

London

Country

United Kingdom