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Tender

Peatland Restoration Standard and Technical Guidelines for England and Wales

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Scope

Description

Peatlands are the world's largest terrestrial carbon store. When in good condition, these habitats store carbon, as well as providing other ecosystem services. But degraded peatlands are a source of carbon emissions, in the UK this is in the region of 15 MtCO₂e each year (2022). Peatlands support a unique but threatened biodiversity, with only peatlands in good or recovering condition supporting the full range of typical peatland species. The restoration of peatland habitats is therefore critical for achieving net zero commitments in and for meeting statutory targets around biodiversity and habitat. This research project seeks to expand our evidence base when considering 'what good looks like' for peatland restoration projects. These findings will be used to test and develop a peatland restoration standard (what works, and what we should be aiming for in terms of restoration outcomes) alongside new technical guidelines for the sector

Total value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 23 June 2025 to 23 June 2027
- 2 years, 1 day

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Can be extended due to potential early break clauses based on milestone decision dates

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

Contract locations

- UKI - London

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

20 May 2025, 2:00pm

Tender submission deadline

27 May 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

13 June 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical Envelope	<p>The overall aim of the evaluation process is to select the Tender that is the most economically advantageous to the Authority, having regard to the Authority's overall objectives and the criteria set out below. The Authority will carry out its evaluations of the Technical and Commercial elements according to the criteria, sub-criteria and weightings set out in the table below: The Authority will carry out its evaluations of the</p> <p>Technical/Quality (70%), and Commercial (30%) elements according to the criteria, sub-criteria and weightings set out in the tender documents.</p>	Quality	70.00%

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Commercial Envelope	The overall aim of the evaluation process is to select the Tender that is the most economically advantageous to the Authority, having regard to the Authority's overall objectives and the criteria set out below. The Authority will carry out its evaluations of the Technical and Commercial elements according to the criteria, sub-criteria and weightings set out in the table below: The Authority will carry out its evaluations of the Technical (70%), and Commercial (30%) elements according to the criteria, sub-criteria and weightings set out in the tender documents.	Cost	30.00%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

[ITT C28820 - Peatland Restoration Standard and Technical Guidelines for England and Wales - Final.pdf](#)

Specification of requirements

Contracting authority

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government