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Tender

Natural flood management and infrastructure improvement works at Blean Woods

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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/6aa1f892-f64a-466c-b73c-7b74b12ff9fd>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/6aa1f892-f64a-466c-b73c-7b74b12ff9fd>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Charity

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Natural flood management and infrastructure improvement works at Blean Woods

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45000000 - Construction work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

The RSPB has secured funding through the Green Recovery Challenge Fund to deliver the 'Climate Resilience for Blean Woods and Seasalter Levels' project. The funding is administered by The National Lottery Heritage Fund in partnership with Natural England and the Environment Agency. The overall aim of the works within this document is to enhance the resilience of Blean Woods to projected changes in climate, through reversing the effects of man-made drainage and increasing water retention within the woodland, in addition to improving accessibility. The work will be carried out across one RSPB reserve and two Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT) reserves, which total 1328ha of woodland, 999ha of which is designated as SSSI.

Climate change projections predict increased rainfall in winter, but hotter and drier summers, particularly in the south of England. Drier spring and summers coupled with man-made drainage features in the woodland will result in Blean Woods drying out at an accelerated rate in the spring. The lack of moist soil and standing water will result in fewer invertebrates, less deadwood generation and fewer drinking opportunities - all vital to support a healthy woodland for wildlife. To mitigate against this, we aim to slow the drainage of high rainfall events from Blean Woods to retain that water on site for longer as both standing water and moisture content in soils. The project will create earth and wood dams in primary watercourses to achieve this aim, using site-won materials.

The work will focus on using Natural Flood Management (NFM) principles that have been used for flood management projects - working along key watercourses at all 3 sites to slow the flow using predominantly wood dams and some earth dams. This tender also includes works for 2 exciting sub-projects using the same principles: restoration of the Sarre Penn at RSPB Blean and a raised bog at KWT South Blean. The Sarre Penn is the largest watercourse at RSPB Blean that has been artificially straightened for drainage in certain locations - leaving the historic meanders 'high and dry'. This project will aim to restore these natural

meanders to their former glory, as well as slowing the high winter flows of the overall channel. The bog restoration will involve increasing water retention using wood and earth dams, and tree clearance to create a diverse mosaic of wet woodland and ancient bog habitats. In addition to the exciting and unique habitat works, we also have infrastructure improvements to complete that involve trackside ditching, crossing point improvements and the construction of a boardwalk - all to improve the accessibility and overall visitor experience of our sites.

Details of how to apply in Tender document attached

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

RSPB Blean

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45000000 - Construction work

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

RSPB Blean - see tender doc

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

1 September 2021

End date

28 February 2022

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

KWT West Blean & Thornden

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45000000 - Construction work

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

KWT West Blean & Thornden; see tender doc

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

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28 February 2022

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No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

KWT South Blean

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45000000 - Construction work

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

KWT South Blean; see tender doc

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

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28 February 2022

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No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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

16 August 2021

Local time

9:00am

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

16 August 2021

Local time

10:00am

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

Crown Court

Norwich

Country

United Kingdom