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Planning

THE PROVISION OF 'WORKING ON, OVER OR ADJACENT TO WATER' TRAINING

Health and Safety Executive

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Scope

Reference

HSE/T4666

Description

HSE are seeking external assistance to deliver specific water safety training for a limited number of HSE nominated employees, for working safely on, over or adjacent to water. The purpose of this training is to ensure HSE employees are suitably trained and competent to work safely near water, in particular when they may be working within 1 metre of an unprotected edge beside open water.

HSE require a training course to be delivered to its employees that includes practical and theoretical elements relevant to working near water. The course must cover:

- UK legislation relating to working near water
- Industry best practice

- Recognising water hazards/hazard identification e.g. fast flowing water, currents, offshore, effects of weather and focusing on avoiding them
- Planning and development of safe systems of work and risk assessments including planning for emergencies
- Recovery from water training in a controlled environment (such as a pool)
- Personal skills to correctly don, use and maintain HSE issued life jackets

HSE employees are located across the UK, though it is expected that the employees undertaking this training course are predominantly in the north of England and Scotland. It is preferable that the tenderer has a number of training locations or is located in the midlands so that travel for HSE employees is reasonable. HSE will also be open to consider tenderers who can travel to a suitable location deliver the training.

Total value (estimated)

- £60,000 excluding VAT
- £72,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 25 August 2025 to 24 August 2028
- Possible extension to 24 August 2030
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80500000 - Training services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales
- UKM - Scotland

Engagement

Engagement deadline

5 June 2025

Engagement process description

HSE is issuing this Pre-Market Engagement (PME) notice to identify potential suppliers and determine what training is available in the market.

HSE will run market engagement events in 30-minute slots via invite only Microsoft teams calls on Tuesday 3rd June 2025 10:00-12:00 and Thursday 5th June 2025 13:00-15:00, ahead of publishing the invitation to tender, expected W/C 23rd June 2025. HSE therefore invites interested suppliers to contact tenders@hse.gov.uk on or before 23rd May 2025 to register their interest and receive the associated documents.

Interested parties that make contact will be sent a MS Teams invitation with the draft specification attached.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

23 June 2025

Contracting authority

Health and Safety Executive

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBXM-4389-TXVZ

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