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## **Ecological Services Framework (EcoSF) 4**

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

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

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UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Ecological Services Framework (EcoSF) 4

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 90700000 - Environmental services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The Ecological Services Framework 4 (EcoSF4) will allow the Environment Agency, Natural England and other Defra Group organisations, to use approved contractors to carry out technical and regulatory work. It will cover a range of freshwater and coastal ecological services, including, but not limited to, specialist macroinvertebrate services, habitat and species surveys and evaluation, river restoration, geomorphology, habitat creation and fish passage design.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £18,000,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Fish passage design services

Lot No

Lot 4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 90700000 - Environmental services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Fish passage feasibility and detailed design, for the full range of fish passage options, for European eel, migratory and non-migratory salmonids and all coarse fish species.

Additional services such as Biodiversity Net Gain assessment for fish passage designs and post-construction inspections may be included, but have yet to be confirmed.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

River restoration, geomorphology and habitat creation services

Lot No

Lot 3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 90700000 - Environmental services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

- Geomorphological investigation design, including general principles for survey design, recommendations for specific surveys, and pre- and post-project appraisal
- Desk based geomorphological assessments and reports, such as historical trend analysis, aerial photograph mapping, LiDAR, mapping etc.
- Field-based geomorphological surveys, assessments and monitoring, such as fluvial audits, catchment baseline surveys, geodynamic assessment, river reconnaissance, site walkovers, drone surveys, River Habitat Surveys (RHS) etc.
- Expertise in undertaking the river and stream geomorphology assessments, e.g. MoRPH survey techniques
- Development and delivery of geomorphological and working with natural processes training and technical reference material
- Input into the development of Natural Flood Management (NFM) schemes and proposals
- River, wetland and other habitat enhancement, restoration, creation and management

Suppliers will be permitted to bid for all or some of the core services within this lot.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Specialist macroinvertebrate services

Lot No

Lot 1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 90700000 - Environmental services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

- Surveys of macroinvertebrates, including field survey and sample collection
- Macroinvertebrate species identification and appropriate enumeration
- Formal quality assurance procedures for survey and analysis methods

Additional services such as data analysis and report writing may be included, but have yet to be confirmed.

Suppliers will be permitted to bid for all or some of the services within this lot.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Survey services, including evaluation reports and report writing for habitats

Lot No

Lot 2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 90700000 - Environmental services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

For freshwater, estuarine, coastal, intertidal and terrestrial habitats and species.

- Habitat surveys and reports, including baseline assessments, post-project appraisal and ecological monitoring
- Species surveys and reports, including appropriate survey design, post-project appraisal and monitoring
- Surveys, advice and reports relating to the control of Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS)
- Advice and reports relating to mitigation and enhancement for protected species
- Advice on matters relating to licensing and legislation for both protected species and INNS
- Specialist training in survey design, survey techniques, mitigation and enhancement and/or interpretation of data

Suppliers will be permitted to bid for all or some of the services within this lot.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

13 September 2023

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes