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## **Implementation of the Water Safety & Drowning Prevention Recommendations**

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

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

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

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKL - Wales

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://gov.wales>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Implementation of the Water Safety & Drowning Prevention Recommendations

Reference number

C019/2023/2024

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 90721000 - Environmental safety services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Water is essential for our physical and mental wellbeing; therefore it is important to protect it and the people using it. Wales has seen a substantial growth in outdoor activity, especially within water over recent years.

Data shows that in 2022, there were 26 confirmed fatalities in water in Wales, half did not intend to enter the water. We know there are 2000 annual water-related incidents in Wales requiring emergency response, approximately 5 per day.

The Welsh Government, with Water Safety Wales, aim to award a contract to implement the Petitions Committee report's recommendations, which supports Wales' Drowning Prevention Strategy. The successful bidder will be awarded an 18-month contract with a one-year extension option valued at approximately GBP200,000 exc. VAT for the initial contract term, and GBP 100,000 exc. VAT if the extension is enacted.

We believe that through cross-departmental collaboration within Welsh Government and between our delivery partners, adopting a Team Wales approach can reduce the number of water-related accidents and fatalities across the country.

We aim to deliver the tender via eTenderWales over Autumn 2023 so please register your interest to bid for tender C019/2023/2024 via this PIN Notice. Please only register if you are interested in bidding.

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

Value excluding VAT: £300,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 34996200 - Control, safety or signalling equipment for inland waterways
- 63721300 - Waterway operation services
- 63721000 - Port and waterway operation services and associated services
- 90713100 - Consulting services for water-supply and waste-water other than for construction
- 79417000 - Safety consultancy services
- 71631420 - Maritime safety inspection services
- 90721000 - Environmental safety services
- 45262640 - Environmental improvement works
- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services
- 90711000 - Environmental impact assessment other than for construction
- 71313000 - Environmental engineering consultancy services
- 71317210 - Health and safety consultancy services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 79411000 - General management consultancy services
- 79413000 - Marketing management consultancy services
- 75130000 - Supporting services for the government

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

## II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Water is essential for our physical and mental wellbeing; therefore it is important to protect it and the people using it. Wales has seen a substantial growth in outdoor activity, especially within water over recent years.

Data shows that in 2022, there were 22 accidental water fatalities in Wales. We know there are 1755 water-related incidents in Wales requiring emergency response per day.

In the last 5 years there have been several high-profile incidents:

- In June 2018, Mark Allen, aged 18, drowned after jumping into a reservoir.
- In 2021, four paddleboarders lost their lives in Haverfordwest in a single incident due to inadequate planning, preparation, clothing, equipment, and failure to view the flood alert for the river and risk posed by the weir.
- In early December 2022, a kayaker was taken to hospital after falling into the sea near Cemaes Bay, Anglesey.
- In January 2023, a couple died in an accident when visiting Ystradfellte, Powys on holiday. Fire services, mountain rescue, and national air support services were involved in the four-day search.
- In June 2023, a teenage boy drowned at Aberavon Beach after jumping off the pier as part of an annual ritual done after school exams.

It was Mark Allen's loved ones that petitioned the Senedd Petitions' Committee to place throwlines around every water source where there is a risk to life. As a result, the Petitions Committee published a report with 6 recommendations to enhance Wales' Drowning Prevention Strategy (WDPS). The delivery partner will work alongside Welsh Government to deliver recommendations 2, 3, 4, and 6. The report can be downloaded here - <https://senedd.wales/media/cn4fcehy/cr-ld15291-e.pdf>.

Water Safety Wales has taken the water safety agenda forward since 2017, publishing the WDPS in 2020. The WDPS links to our ambitions for a healthier Wales in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act. The WDPS includes action on the report's identified themes: Alcohol, Supervision, Safe Access, Learning to Swim, Risks and Plans, Safer Holidays, Data Issues, and Support. The WDPS can be downloaded here - <https://www.nationalwatersafety.org.uk/media/1236/water-safety-strategy-2020-2026.pdf>.

The Welsh Government, with Water Safety Wales, aim to procure a supplier with appropriate expertise and knowledge to deliver Water Safety Wales' WDPS and the 6 recommendations.

The scope of the work will include:

- Secretariat to Water Safety Wales (WSW)
- Strategic direction and programme management
- Communication
- Projects

When implementing the recommendations, the successful bidder will need to balance respecting and supporting the independent activities of individual member organisations, coordinate activity with the aims of the WDPS, and provide a focused and collective approach to achieving the aims of the WDPS, ensuring outputs are efficient. They will also undertake the function of collating and recording that activity and its contribution to the delivery of the WDPS. The bidder will identify current gaps in the delivery of the WDPS and develop and oversee that the aims are delivered.

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We aim to deliver the tender via eTenderWales over Autumn 2023. Please only register if you are interested in bidding, referencing C019/2023/2024 via this PIN Notice.

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

25 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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Sell2Wales Web Site at

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=132103](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=132103).

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