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Contract

## **Aerial Survey of Areas in the Central North Sea for Seabird and Marine Mammal Species for the POSEIDON Project#2**

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04041d

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

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

Defra Network eTendering Portal

17 Nobel House

London

SW1P 3JR

#### **Email**

[alan.green@defra.gov.uk](mailto:alan.green@defra.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

## **Internet address(es)**

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.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**

Aerial Survey of Areas in the Central North Sea for Seabird and Marine Mammal Species for the POSEIDON Project#2

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

- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development

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

Services

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

Digital aerial survey.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £531,428

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

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

Call-Off: Digital Aerial Surveys for Seabirds and Marine Mammals in English and Welsh Waters.

Aerial Survey of Areas in the Central North Sea for Seabird and Marine Mammal Species for the POSEIDON Project.

Contractor to design and carry out four digital aerial surveys of the prescribed study area (12 ICES cells in the Central North Sea), in each of the four seasons defined below.

Ideally, each of the 12 ICES rectangles that comprise the study area will be surveyed at least once in each season. Seasons are defined as:

- 1) October – December 2023
- 2) January – March 2024
- 3) April – June 2024, and
- 4) July – September 2024.

The selected DAS framework contractor will use the most up to date digital aerial imagery (video or still) methods and process the resulting imagery to provide a comprehensive digital dataset from which robust estimates of the abundance and distribution of birds and marine mammals in survey areas can be derived.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

Call-off from framework.

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **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 V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

25 September 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

APEM Ltd

Riverview, A17 Embankment Business Park, Heaton Mersey, Stockport

Stockport

SK4 3GN

Telephone

+44 1614428938

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

2530851

Internet address

<https://www.apemltd.com/>

The contractor is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £600,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £531,428

#### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract is likely to be subcontracted

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties

Value excluding VAT: £166,675

Proportion: 31 %

Short description of the part of the contract to be subcontracted

Flight survey and quality assurance

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Body

N/A

N/A

N/A

Email

[publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>