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## **UKHab Survey & Natural Capital Assessment of NHS Estate**

Scottish Natural Heritage

F02: Contract notice

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

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

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Procurement Team

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**NUTS code**

UKM62 - Inverness & Nairn and Moray, Badenoch & Strathspey

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.nature.scot>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00383](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00383)

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

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

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

National or federal Agency/Office

**I.5) Main activity**

Environment

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

UKHab Survey & Natural Capital Assessment of NHS Estate

Reference number

PP1401

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

- 90700000 - Environmental services

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

Services

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

NatureScot, in partnership with NHS National Services Scotland, is intending to carry out:

1. a UKHabv2 survey and;
2. a Natural Capital Assessment (NCA)

of the NHS Estate in Scotland.

A first Phase (herein referred to as Phase A to avoid confusion with 'Phase 1' Surveys) has already delivered UKHabv2 surveys for the NHS Estate within areas covered by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, NHS Highland and NHS Tayside. Additionally, a Phase 1 Habitat Survey of NHS Lothian Estate was carried out in 2020 as part of a biodiversity and climate change assessment for the NHS Lothian estate.

1. The purpose of carrying out the UKHab2 survey in the remaining 10 NHS Board areas (Phase B) is to establish a baseline to inform:

- a natural capital account of NHS greenspace at the NHS Board scale (part 2. of this project)

- a possible future biodiversity assessment of the NHS Estate, once an biodiversity metric tool has been developed and established in Scotland

- management of NHS greenspace to provide positive effects for biodiversity
- management of NHS greenspace to maximize the health benefits for staff, patients and the wider community
- priorities for investment in NHS greenspace to maximize benefits for people and nature
- opportunities for people to connect with nature as part of therapeutic health interventions

2. The purpose of carrying out the NCA across all Board areas (Phases A and B) is to provide:

- an appreciation and valuation – where possible in monetary terms - of the ecosystem services that the natural resources provide, such as clean water and air, flood regulation, climate regulation (carbon sequestration), pollination and visual amenity
- a framework for understanding the economic and social value of natural assets, which can be used to justify investments in nature and guide resource allocation
- a demonstration of how the NHS contributes to the well-being of society through actions that benefit nature
- a framework for risk management of natural capital and the potential impacts on the NHS estate.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 90700000 - Environmental services

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

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

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- a natural capital account of NHS greenspace at the NHS Board scale (part 2. of this project)
- a possible future biodiversity assessment of the NHS Estate, once an biodiversity metric tool has been developed and established in Scotland
- management of NHS greenspace to provide positive effects for biodiversity
- management of NHS greenspace to maximize the health benefits for staff, patients and the wider community
- priorities for investment in NHS greenspace to maximize benefits for people and nature
- opportunities for people to connect with nature as part of therapeutic health interventions

2. The purpose of carrying out the NCA across all Board areas (Phases A and B) is to provide:

- an appreciation and valuation – where possible in monetary terms - of the ecosystem services that the natural resources provide, such as clean water and air, flood regulation, climate regulation (carbon sequestration), pollination and visual amenity
- a framework for understanding the economic and social value of natural assets, which can be used to justify investments in nature and guide resource allocation
- a demonstration of how the NHS contributes to the well-being of society through actions that benefit nature
- a framework for risk management of natural capital and the potential impacts on the

NHS estate.

### **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**

Duration in months

3

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 5

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

All completed SPDs must be submitted via the Public Contracts Scotland portal secure mail-box. Candidates will be notified of who has been short-listed to Stage 2 of the procurement process and a Stage 2 Notice (plus accompanying Statement of Requirements with full details) will then be published on the portal for short-listed candidates.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Please refer to Questions 4B5b & 4B5c of the attached SPD for details of minimum insurance requirements.

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Restricted 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

4 July 2025

Local time

5:00pm

#### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

9 July 2025

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 1 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

This is a Stage 1 Notice, as we are using the dual stage 'restricted' procurement procedure. Submitted SPDs will be checked and responses to the selection question assessed/scored, and those candidates judged to have provided the most relevant/appropriate responses will be short-listed to Stage 2 (Invitation To Tender). The number of short-listed candidates will of course depend on both the quantity of SPDs received and the quality/relevance of responses to the selection question.

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Inverness Sheriff Court

Inverness Justice Centre, Longman Road

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