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Contract

Characterising Electromagnetic Fields and Impacts

Scottish Government

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04ceb4

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Scottish Government

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKM - Scotland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Characterising Electromagnetic Fields and Impacts

Reference number

CASE / 700779

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

A Targeted Approach To Characterising EMF From Subsea Cables and Understanding Potential Impacts on Fish and Benthic Species

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: £144,352

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services
- 73112000 - Marine research services
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

- 73110000 - Research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Scottish Government is seeking to award a contract to provide a targeted approach to characterising electromagnetic fields (EMF) from subsea cables and their potential impacts on fish and benthic species.

The Service Provider will provide a technical but accessible review of present methods employed to characterise EMFs and their effects on species. The review will include an assessment of EMF modelling with relevant cable scenarios, methods to measure EMFs in addition to methods to assess impacts on receptive species, with a suite of associated recommendations.

This contract will contribute to the overall understanding of EMF emissions and how species effects may be assessed. This is a precursor to understanding potential population level impacts. The critique of methods, and recommendations will improve subsequent efforts to experimentally assess effects on marine species and support future planning and consenting of sustainable offshore wind.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: UNDERSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT / Weighting: 45

Quality criterion - Name: PROJECT RESOURCE / EXPERTISE / Weighting: 32.5

Quality criterion - Name: SCHEDULE OF WORK / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: QUALITY & RISK / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: CLIMATE EMERGENCY / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: COMMUNITY BENEFITS / Weighting: 0

Quality criterion - Name: FAIR WORK FIRST / Weighting: 5

Price - Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract value is not anticipated to exceed 145,000 GBP inclusive of optional extensions.

In accordance with Regulation 72(1) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, the volume of services may be modified at the sole discretion of the Purchaser from the estimated volume specified in the contract.

The Pricing Schedule of the Contract provides a mechanism to manage adjustment the services IF required.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CASE / 720779

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

2 June 2025

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: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

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

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM50 - Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £144,352

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Edinburgh Sheriff Court

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