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Planning

NEC4 Training

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Scope

Description

The Environment Agency (EA) is responsible for taking a strategic overview of the management of all sources of flooding and coastal erosion. EA have regulatory and operational delivery functions, addressed via Asset Management and Incident Management functions respectively. EA reduce the risk of flooding by constructing, operating and maintaining assets, by working with and influencing others, by providing expert technical advice, and by using their enforcement powers to ensure others meet their responsibilities. Their vision is to develop Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) within the EA to be at the forefront of asset management internationally - EA wish to be recognised as an Industry leading asset management organisation. Project & Programme Delivery (PPD) provide project and programme management services to various customers, including those relating to civil engineering/construction projects. PPD is situated in the Flood & Coastal Risk Management (FCRM) Directorate. Previously known as Programme and Contract Management (PCM), PPD utilises a mix of internal project managers, other support professionals plus contractors/services from their National Framework suppliers (since 2019 'Next Generation Supplier Arrangements' (NGSA)). The EA have identified a need for a selection of NEC4 training solutions to be made available from January 2026 onwards primarily for permanent EA Project Managers. These training solutions will need to

accommodate those who need a refresh of their knowledge or who are new to the EA. The aim of the training is primarily to improve understanding/application of the NEC4 PSC and ECC main and short contracts, as well as the NEC4 TSC main and short contracts. However, they are also considering the wider NEC knowledge base and how development in this area could further enhance their employees' expertise. To be consistent with their training provisions across the whole of their asset management portfolio, there is an identified need for staff within their Local Operations and Environment and Business directorates, especially Future Framework, Area and Defra Group Commercial teams who have exposure to and involvement with NEC4 contracts to also be able to access the same NEC4 training as PPD Project Managers. The EA wish to have available both e-learning provision and in-house classroom development solutions moving forward, both used as separate items and / or blended learning. They have previously utilised externally-hosted e-learning provisions and off-the-shelf training that has been delivered via in-house classroom workshops with minor adaptations. For traditional face-to-face classroom / group learning solutions, please note that 'virtual' classroom solutions via a suitable online platform may be required moving forwards. To supplement the above, they are also seeking a programme of accessible bitesize learning on key topics and themes, delivered via pre-recorded webinars or similar mechanism that would provide a flexible training resource for staff to access as required on an ongoing basis to complement and re-enforce more formal e-learning and face-to-face training.

Total value (estimated)

- £525,000 excluding VAT
- £630,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 26 November 2025 to 25 November 2028
- Possible extension to 25 November 2030
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80510000 - Specialist training services
- 80420000 - E-learning services
- 80511000 - Staff training services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

20 June 2025

Engagement process description

So that the Authority can understand capability in the market and any factors that need to be considered in designing the procurement, please complete the request for information, using this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/kJLmrqKyy7> Closing date for survey responses: 01/07/2025

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

11 August 2025

Contracting authority

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNWW-1475-NYLN

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Summary of their role in this procurement: Defra group Commercial will be managing the procurement on behalf of the Environment Agency.

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBD-3289-CDGX

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