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## **A Noise Limit for Offshore Wind Pile Driving: Feasibility Assess & Pilot Program**

Defra Network eTendering Portal

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0416c1

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

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

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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.3) Communication**

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

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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**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**

A Noise Limit for Offshore Wind Pile Driving: Feasibility Assess & Pilot Program

Reference number

C19863

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

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

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

Services

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

The purpose of this project is to test the feasibility of introducing a piling noise standard in English and Welsh waters, and to deliver a rigorous scientific design for the piling noise standard trials.

Defra is designing a piling noise standard as part of a suite of offshore wind environmental standards (OWES), as committed to in the British Energy Security Strategy (BESS, April 2022).

Recognising the impact that the loud, impulsive noise from offshore wind pile driving can have on a range of marine species, particularly harbour porpoise, it is expected that the standard would reduce piling noise to a set decibel limit.

The exact threshold value of the decibel limit for piling is yet to be determined, and work is needed to determine what threshold value is achievable in English and Welsh waters. The standard will need to be tested in a trial setting prior to full implementation to ensure that it is functional and the technology available can lead to decibel limit being met.

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

Value excluding VAT: £260,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 90742100 - Noise control services
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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Price

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £126,617.75

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

3 May 2023

End date

2 May 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**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

## **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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

9 November 2023

Local time

12:00pm

#### **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: 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

12 July 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

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