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Tender

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

Defra Network eTendering Portal

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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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

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Environment

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

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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

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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