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Contract

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

Defra Network eTendering Portal

F03: Contract award notice

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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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Defra Group Commercial

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#### **Country**

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.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**

A Noise Limit for Offshore Wind Pile Driving: Feasibility Assessment & Pilot Programme Design

#### **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: £126,617.75

### **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**

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.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **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

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## **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-033047](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

31 August 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 8

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Seiche Ltd

Bradworthy Industrial Estate Langdon Road Holsworthy, Devon

Devon

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+44 7591206755

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

03475558

Internet address

[www.seiche.com](http://www.seiche.com)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £260,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £125,617.75

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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