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Contract

Peatland Survey Framework 2025

Natural Resources Wales

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKL - Wales

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Peatland Survey Framework 2025

Reference number

itt_114360

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79311000 - Survey services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is award of a framework for the supply of Peatland surveys. This requirement facilitates delivery of peatland restoration NRW work areas. The requirement comprises various surveys of forestry and peatlands and our requirements are broken down into four distinct topics:

Afforested Peat surveys of Forest stands on Deep peat and assessment of restoration potential base on specification in Lot 1

Hydrological survey and conceptual understanding of all peatland types (not only those on afforested land). Specification Lot 2

Vegetation/peat condition surveys of all peatland types (not only those on afforested land). Specification Lot 3

Protected Species (Water Vole) surveys and advice Lot 4

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £700,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Afforested Peat surveys of Forest stands on Deep peat and assessment of restoration

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 09112200 - Peat
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 90711400 - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) services other than for construction

- 71351900 - Geology, oceanography and hydrology services
- 71351920 - Oceanography and hydrology services
- 90722000 - Environmental rehabilitation
- 45262640 - Environmental improvement works
- 71355000 - Surveying services
- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77230000 - Services incidental to forestry

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NRW also require other general survey works, e.g. peat depth surveys, GIS interpretation on the ground (e.g. marking out of mapped interventions on the ground), and other wider surveys that inform the distribution and character of peatlands across Wales, that may or may not be on the WGWE. Below we detail the specifics of the most technical element of this work, which is the assessment of the WGWE.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: technical criteria / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Hydrological survey and conceptual understanding of all peatland types (not only those on afforested land).

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71351900 - Geology, oceanography and hydrology services
- 71351920 - Oceanography and hydrology services
- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 90722000 - Environmental rehabilitation
- 45262640 - Environmental improvement works

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The programme (and NRW more widely) has a range of hydrological assessment and monitoring requirements for peatland and related terrestrial wetland ecosystems. This specification identifies and characterises the main categories of work required under this lot.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical criteria / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Vegetation/peat condition surveys of all peatland types (not only those on afforested land

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 09112200 - Peat
- 90722000 - Environmental rehabilitation
- 90711400 - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) services other than for construction
- 45262640 - Environmental improvement works

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of robust data for assessing the effectiveness of restoration techniques, thus enabling an adaptive approach to restoration

Data compatibility with the equivalent national monitoring programmes developed in Scotland and England

Provision of data to enable the development of a peatland restoration biodiversity metric, an element in NRW's proposals for expanding the National Peatland Action Programme

Provision of information to help calibrate activities data captured for sites lacking on-the-ground monitoring evidence by improving our understanding of restoration effect sizes the zone of surrounding peatland benefitting from rewetting a ditch or gully

The evidence obtained will contribute to improving understanding of the recovery time of peatland vegetation and habitats following restoration and thus inform the development of evidence-based restoration trajectories

Provision of up-to-date condition data to support other key NRW reporting requirements, notably NRW's protected sites monitoring programme, SoNaRR (State of Natural Environment Reporting; NRW, 2022) and reporting on the status of Annex 1 habitats and species under the post-Brexit Habitats Regulations (Regulation 9a).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical criteria / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Protected Species (Water Vole) surveys and advice

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 71354500 - Marine survey services
- 79311000 - Survey services
- 09112200 - Peat
- 90722000 - Environmental rehabilitation

- 45262640 - Environmental improvement works
- 90711400 - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) services other than for construction

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Natural Resources Wales is responsible for developing and implementing Wales's first National Peatlands Action Programme (NPAP). The purpose of this programme is to restore peatland ecosystems across Wales, with a focus in the first five years of the programme on six priority action themes. The program has identified a need to undertake Water vole *Arvicola amphibius* surveys across a high proportion of its peatland restoration sites, both in terms of pre-restoration site assessments, preparing mitigation plans and license applications, and post restoration monitoring. This specification identifies and characterises the main categories of work required under this lot

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: technical criteria / Weighting: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

Notice number: [2025/S 000-006630](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

1

Title

Afforested Peat surveys of Forest stands on Deep peat and assessment of restoration

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 June 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 9

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 9

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

GEO SMART DECISIONS LIMITED

Crud Yr Awel, Abergynolwyn

Tywyn

LL369UT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Pryor & Rickett Silviculture

10 Priory Hill

Brecon

LD39DH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £700,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

2

Title

Hydrological survey and conceptual understanding of all peatland types (not only those on afforested land).

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 June 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 9

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 9

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Rigare Ltd

28 Grosvenor Road

Abergavenny

NP76AH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

MILESTONE ENVIRONMENTAL LIMITED

372, 1 Wallingford

Wallingford

OX101GP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £700,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

3

Title

Vegetation/peat condition surveys of all peatland types (not only those on afforested land

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 June 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 9

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 9

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

BOWLAND ECOLOGY LIMITED

Unit 8 Second Floor, Holmes Mill, Greenacre St

Clitheroe

BB71EB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

GEO SMART DECISIONS LIMITED

Crud Yr Awel, Abergynolwyn

Tywyn

LL369UT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £700,000

Section V. Award of contract

Lot No

4

Title

Protected Species (Water Vole) surveys and advice

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 June 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 9

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 9

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

TACP (UK) LIMITED

4th Floor James William House, 9 Museum Place

Cardiff

CF103BD

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

BOWLAND ECOLOGY LIMITED

Unit 8 Second Floor, Holmes Mill, Greenacre St

Clitheroe

BB71EB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKL - Wales

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £700,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(WA Ref:152622)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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