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Contract

## **Peatland Survey Framework 2025**

Natural Resources Wales

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

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKL - Wales

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0110](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0110)

**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

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## **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 gulley

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

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## **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](#)

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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



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## **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

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## **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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