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Planning

Market Engagement - Digital, Data and Technology (DDaT) Services Framework for Natural Resources Wales

Natural Resources Wales

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is preparing to establish a new open Digital, Data and Technology (DDaT) Services Framework, which will provide access to a wide range of specialist DDaT support aligned with the DDaT Capability Framework and NRW's evolving needs. We are seeking early input from the market to help shape our commercial strategy, ensure the framework meets user needs, supports innovation, and delivers value for money. This pre-market engagement (PME) is available to all interested suppliers and stakeholders.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £60,000,000 excluding VAT
- £72,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

• 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

Contract locations

• UKL - Wales

Engagement

Engagement deadline

12 September 2025

Engagement process description

As part of early market engagement, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is inviting suppliers to participate in a pre-market engagement (PME) exercise to inform the development of a future procurement for a DDaT Services Framework.

Suppliers are encouraged to:

- Review the PME pack and supporting information
- Attend a virtual supplier briefing session
- Complete a questionnaire via the Bravo portal; and
- Express an interest in booking a 1:1 meeting with the project team

The purpose of this engagement is to gather market insight, help shape our approach and ensure suppliers are aware of the upcoming opportunity. Participation is optional and does not form part of any formal evaluation, nor will it affect a supplier's ability to participate in the future procurement.

To access the Pre-Market Engagement Pack which includes the Supplier Briefing Details:

1) Register or log in to the eTenderWales portal:

https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml

2) Once logged in, follow the link below and select 'express interest' to access the PME pack directly:

https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/go/5467812801981D80758B

Suppliers are encouraged to review the pack and submit responses to the PME Questionnaire via the Bravo portal by 17:00 on 18th August 2025.

If you encounter issues accessing the system please contact the Bravo helpdesk at help@bravosolution.co.uk, or contact the Procurement Lead Amy.Hogan@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

TIMELINES

PME Launch: 18th July 2025

Supplier Briefing Session: 30th July 2025

Deadline for Return of PME Questionnaires: 18th August 2025

Optional 1-to-1 supplier meetings: May be arranged based on supplier interest and availability following submission of responses.

Conclude PME: 12th September 2025

Procurement launch (anticipated): October 2025

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 October 2025

Contracting authority

Natural Resources Wales

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales