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Tender

Acoustic Fish Tag Framework 2025

Natural Resources Wales

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Scope

Reference

117884

Description

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) are looking to set up a framework for the purchase of 180kHz and 69kHz acoustic fish tags and receivers. Tagging projects are currently being run on the River Dee, Usk, Tywi and Wye, and may be expanded further.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £549,999 excluding VAT
- £660,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 November 2025 to 31 December 2029
- 4 years, 2 months

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The duration of the framework agreement will initially for 12 months. Following this initial term, the agreement will automatically renew for successive 12-month periods (except the last period which will be 14 months) unless either NRW or the Supplier provides written notice of termination by August 31st prior to the renewal. The maximum length of this framework is 50 months (until 31/12/2029).

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 03000000 - Agricultural, farming, fishing, forestry and related products
- 32342400 - Acoustic devices
- 34930000 - Marine equipment
- 38290000 - Surveying, hydrographic, oceanographic and hydrological instruments and

appliances

- 71352000 - Subsurface surveying services
- 77800000 - Aquaculture services

Contract locations

- UKL - Wales

Lot constraints

Maximum number of lots a supplier can bid for: 1

Maximum number of lots a supplier can be awarded: 1

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

N/A

Lot 1. 180kHz Acoustic Tags and Receivers

Description

This lot is related to 180kHz Acoustic Tags, Receivers and associated equipment.

Lot value (estimated)

- £275,000 excluding VAT
- £329,998 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. 69kHz Acoustic Tags & Receivers

Description

69kHz Acoustic Tags, Receivers and associated equipment.

Lot value (estimated)

- £225,000 excluding VAT
- £330,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

3

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Justification for framework term over 4 years

NRW finalises its monitoring programme between November and December each year. Allowing this framework to run for 50 months rather than 48 allows NRW to place a final order for the following year.

Framework operation description

Prices will be provided by the suppliers when submitting their bid.

Award method when using the framework

Without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Lot 1. 180kHz Acoustic Tags and Receivers

Lot 2. 69kHz Acoustic Tags & Receivers

Employer's (Compulsory) Liability Insurance = £5 million

Product Liability Insurance = £1 million

Public Liability Insurance = £5 million

Particular suitability

Lot 1. 180kHz Acoustic Tags and Receivers

Lot 2. 69kHz Acoustic Tags & Receivers

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

28 August 2025, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

11 September 2025, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

- Welsh
- English

Award decision date (estimated)

17 October 2025

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 July 2029

Award criteria

Lot 1. 180kHz Acoustic Tags and Receivers

Name	Type	Weighting
Lot 1 Quality	Quality	70.00%
Lot 1 Price	Price	30.00%

Lot 2. 69kHz Acoustic Tags & Receivers

Name	Type	Weighting
Lot 2 Quality	Quality	70.00%
Lot 2 Price	Price	30.00%

Other information

Payment terms

Suppliers to NRW must ensure comparable payment provisions apply to the payment of their sub-contractors and the sub-contractors of their sub-contractors.

All invoices must contain a description of the goods/service supplied and be sent for payment to the Payments Team at:

accountspayableinvoices@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

Suppliers must quote a valid NRW purchase order number on all invoices. Invoices that do not quote a valid NRW purchase order number will be returned to the supplier.

Description of risks to contract performance

As stated in tender document

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

No market engagement has taken place for this requirement, as NRW's needs or requirements haven't changed. If unforeseen changes arise, these will be addressed as outlined in section 8.

Documents

Associated tender documents

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Assets/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=340770

Tender details including specification for both lots, contract management details and evaluation criteria / methodology.

Contracting authority

Natural Resources Wales

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Region: UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales