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Tender

NRW Peatlands Restoration Framework 2025

Natural Resources Wales

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Scope

Reference

NRW59101

Description

Tender Notice for the NRW Peatland Restoration Framework Agreement

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £20,000,000 excluding VAT
- £24,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 30 October 2025 to 28 October 2033
- 7 years, 11 months, 30 days

Main procurement category

Services

Contract locations

- UKL - Wales

Lot constraints

Maximum number of lots a supplier can bid for: 2

Maximum number of lots a supplier can be awarded: 2

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

suppliers are able to bid for EITHER Lot 1 or Lot 3, not both. Suppliers are able to also bid for Lot 2 as required. Suppliers are able to bid for any number of geographical sublots in each main lot.

The number of suppliers that NRW intends to appoint for each Lot in each framework within the Open Framework is stated below. The numbers indicated represent the preferred number, but the actual number of suppliers appointed may vary depending on the outcome of the procurement process and could be more or less than indicated.

Lot 1A - North Wales Groundworks - F1=5, F2=10, F3=15

Lot 1B - Mid Wales Groundworks - F1=5, F2=10, F3=15

Lot 1C - South Wales Groundworks - F1=5, F2=10, F3=15

Lot 2A - North Wales Scrub - F1=5, F2=10, F3=15

Lot 2B - Mid Wales Scrub - F1=5, F2=10, F3=15

Lot 2C - South Wales Scrub - F1=5, F2=10, F3=15

Lot 3 - All Wales Peatland Development - F1=2, F2=3, F3=3

Not the same for all lots

CPV classifications are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

Lot 1. Groundworks

Description

This Lot is for the skilful manipulation of peat and other wetland soil types with tracked excavators. A range of restoration techniques are required, including raising and stabilising water levels, re-vegetating of bare peat, stopping peat erosion and cutting of dominant vegetation on Welsh Peatlands. The methods proposed relate to un-forested and afforested upland blanket bog and lowland bogs and fens.

Lot value (estimated)

- £14,000,000 excluding VAT
- £16,800,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 45112000 - Excavating and earthmoving work

Same for all lots

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

Lot 2. Vegetation / Scrub Management

Description

This framework Lot includes both chemical treatment and manual removal of scrub across often large open areas of peatland. NPAP require a flexible and skilled contractor base to carry all aspects of the works which includes to remove any encroaching scrub and tree species from the areas of deep peat that have managed to establish as a result of the damaged hydrology. The management of deciduous and coniferous tree species will prevent further drying of the peat body.

Lot value (estimated)

- £4,000,000 excluding VAT
- £4,799,998 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 45111220 - Scrub-removal work
- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

Same for all lots

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

Lot 3. Peatland Development

Description

This lot is a development lot for those contractors that are skilled machine operators but may have not had any direct experience of working on peatlands. The aim of this lot is to develop the market and provide training and dedicated contract management of works in order to upskill contractors for working on peatlands.

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,000,000 excluding VAT
- £2,400,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

- 45112000 - Excavating and earthmoving work

Same for all lots

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

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

29 October 2033

Maximum number of suppliers

93

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

For Lots 1 and 2, award of contracts will be by both direct award and mini competition. For Lot 3, award of contracts will be by direct award only. Please see ITT for more information.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Technical ability conditions of participation

Lot 2. Vegetation / Scrub Management

As detailed in the ITT

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Groundworks

Lot 2. Vegetation / Scrub Management

Lot 3. Peatland Development

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

Enquiry deadline

22 August 2025, 12:00am

Tender submission deadline

3 September 2025, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST/COMPLETING THE Invitation To Tender (ITT).

1. Tenderers should register on the eTendering portal
<https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk>
2. Once registered, suppliers must express their interest as follows:
 - a. Login to the etendering portal.
 - b. On the Dashboard go to area for PQQs/ITTs open to all suppliers.
 - c. Click on the number next to either ITT_118671, 118672, 118673
 - d. Click on the down arrow next to filter box and select ITT Descriptions
 - e. In operator box select “contains” and in the value box type title of contract or reference number and click on search
 - f. Click on 'Express Interest' button in the 'Actions' box on the left-hand side of the page.
3. Once you have expressed your interest, the ITT will move to 'My ITTs', where you can download and where you can construct your reply as instructed.
4. For any support in submitting your expression of interest, please contact the eTendering helpdesk on 08003684852 or at help@bravosolution.co.uk

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

- Welsh
- English

Award decision date (estimated)

15 October 2025

Award criteria

Lot 1. Groundworks

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality Criteria	Quality	50.00%
Price	Price	50.00%

Lot 2. Vegetation / Scrub Management

Lot 3. Peatland Development

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	50.00%
Price	Price	50.00%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

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

All documents are available on Bravo eTender Wales

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Technical specifications to be met

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Contracting authority

Natural Resources Wales

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBBR-3628-MPRN

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales