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Award

LiDAR Surveys - ReSCUE Project

NATURAL ENGLAND

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Scope

Reference

C29175

Description

This contract aims to appoint a Supplier(s) of Digital Aerial Surveys DAS coupled with airborne LiDAR to collect data on the abundance and distribution of seabirds and marine mammals, and to provide altitude data for birds in flight. This will provide data to address evidence gaps that have been identified for specific species, areas (including within offshore wind farms), and times of year. The outputs from these surveys will be made publicly available through an Open Government License, or equivalent, and it is anticipated that they will be published on The Crown Estate's Marine Data Exchange. This tender has been divided into two lots, which share the same CPV code, location, evaluation criteria, and conditions, and are suitable for SME&VCSEs. Lot 1- Autumn and Winter Survey Nine LiDAR-coupled DAS surveys to be completed during the contract. Lot 2 - Summer and Spring Survey Eleven LiDAR-coupled DAS surveys to be completed during the contract.

Lot 1. Autumn and Winter Survey

Description

A minimum of six LiDAR-coupled DAS surveys completed during the contract, with a minimum of three surveys completed in the autumn months (from 8th September to 30th November 2025), and a minimum of three surveys completed in the winter months (from 1st December 2025 to 28th February 2026). Estimated Extension End Date on 31st May 2026 The extension is reserved for unforeseen weather conditions.

Contract 1. LiDAR Surveys - ReSCUE Project- Lot 1

Lots

Lot 1. Autumn and Winter Survey

Supplier

- [APEM](#)

Contract value

- £429,579.81 excluding VAT
- £515,495.77 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

5 August 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

5 August 2025

Standstill period

- End: 15 August 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

19 August 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 8 September 2025 to 5 April 2026
- Possible extension to 6 July 2026
- 9 months, 29 days

Description of possible extension:

3 months extension option

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

one off - 3 months extension option

CPV classifications

- 79311300 - Survey analysis services
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Contract 2. LiDAR Surveys - ReSCUE Project- Lot 2

Lots

Lot 1. Autumn and Winter Survey

Supplier

- [APEM](#)

Contract value

- £644,170.23 excluding VAT

- £773,004.28 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

5 August 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

5 August 2025

Standstill period

- End: 15 August 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

19 August 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2026 to 5 October 2026
- Possible extension to 4 January 2027
- 10 months, 4 days

Description of possible extension:

3 months extension

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

one off - 3 months extension option

CPV classifications

- 79311300 - Survey analysis services

Information about tenders

Lot 1. Autumn and Winter Survey

- 3 tenders received
 - 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 2 suppliers awarded contracts
 - 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Submission

Submission type

Tenders

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Suppliers

APEM

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHWL-6298-CTCP

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Stockport

SK43GN

United Kingdom

Email: enquiries@apemltd.co.uk

Region: UKD35 - Greater Manchester South East

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Associated people/organisations:

Single supplier

Contract 2. LiDAR Surveys - ReSCUE Project- Lot 2

APEM

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Email: enquiries@apemltd.co.uk

Region: UKD35 - Greater Manchester South East

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Associated people/organisations:

single supplier

Contract 1. LiDAR Surveys - ReSCUE Project- Lot 1

Contracting authority

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJDG-6588-XDMM

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London

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Website: <https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Summary of their role in this procurement: Procurement facilitated via Defra group Commercial

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBD-3289-CDGX

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