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Planning

Oban Pier Upgrades

Northern Lighthouse Board

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Scope

Reference

ENPR/PIER/2538

Description

Northern Lighthouse Board (NLB) is looking for a contractor to complete upgrades to the timber beams at the pier at our NLB depot in Oban, PA34 4LS. The central section of the pier consists of a T-shape extension to the original pier added in the 1950's. This provided a front edge of approximately 49m and allowed for berthing in deeper water. This was then extended in the early 2000's to provide NLB with a larger operational surface area, extending the central section by approximately 10m and creating new eastern and western sections to the pier. All seaward faces have timber fender piles, though only the central section is currently used for berthing

The scope of works required are as follows:

- Replace 3 No. full pile with like-for-like 360x360mm greenheart pile, replacing brackets, bolts, nuts and spacers as required.

- Replace 3 No. fender with heavy-duty rubber D-fender, replacing fixings as required.
- Replace 6m of stair support waling with like-for-like 360x360mm greenheart waling beam, replacing brackets, nuts and bolts as required.
- Replace total 40m of lower waling with like-for-like 360x360mm greenheart waling beam, replacing splice plates, brackets, nuts and bolts as required.
- Replace 8m of cope beam with like-for-like greenheart members (210x210mm and 260x150mm), replacing fixings as required.
- Replace 24m of cope beam with like-for-like greenheart members (300x150mm), replacing fixings as required.

We require the contractor to carry out the scope of works below:

- Attend a mandatory site visit to Oban in September 2025 to fully understand the project scope of works and location.
- Provide a detailed tender submission of how they will carry out these upgrades
- Full installation of the repairs and upgrades by the end March 2025.

We are looking for contractors to provide their interest for this project at this time, full details of the project scope and tender requirements, along with supporting documentation of a bill of quantities and drawings shall be in the invitation to tender documentation.

Timeline

Set out below is the proposed procurement timetable for this project. This is intended to be a guide and whilst NLB does not intend to depart from the timetable, it reserves the right to do so at any time.

Issue of Invitation to Tender - 19th August 2025

Mandatory site visit at Oban depot - proposed Monday 8th September 2025

Clarification deadline for suppliers - 16th September 2025

Tender return deadline - 26th September 2025

Tender Award - by 15th October 2025

Site mobilisation - 24th November 2025

Completion of project - By end March 2025

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Edinburgh:-Timber-products./CWVQ26YBB2>

To respond to this opportunity, please click here:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/CWVQ26YBB2>

Total value (estimated)

- £250,000 excluding VAT
- £300,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 15 October 2025 to 1 April 2026
- 5 months, 18 days

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 03419100 - Timber products

- 34516000 - Marine fenders
- 45241300 - Pier construction work
- 45244000 - Marine construction works

Contract locations

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

Engagement

Engagement deadline

15 August 2025

Engagement process description

NLB are looking for suppliers to note their interest for these works. Those interested parties will receive an invite and can access the full tender documents once published through our e-procurement portal Delta, due to be w/c 18th July. Please can you note your interest by 15th August 2025 to procurement@nlb.org.uk providing the best contact email address for the invite to be sent, once the documents are advertised.

Contracting authority

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