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Planning

Installation of Loch Spelve Beacon

Northern Lighthouse Board

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Scope

Reference

ENPR/BEAC/2524

Description

Northern Lighthouse Board (NLB) is looking for a supplier to install a new unlit beacon in the Loch Spelve sea loch on the southeast coast of the Isle of Mull. It will be located in the channel to Loch Spelve at Latitude 56° 23.230'N, Longitude 005° 42.012'W.

Brief overview

The unlit beacon is a 7.5m high stainless steel pole structure. The structure will be wrapped with a green GRP sleeve, and a green top mark fitted to the top plate to act as a day mark for navigational purposes. The pre-fabricated stainless steel beacon structure will be connected to the sea bed using 12 no. M30 stainless steel threaded holding down bolts which will be anchored into bedrock with high-performance injectable adhesive mortar.

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

- Attend mandatory site visit to the site, estimated to be between 9-10th September 2025 to fully understand the project scope of works and location. To be confirmed.
- Provide a detailed tender submission of how they will install this beacon at Loch Spelve, taking into account tidal changes and location challenges.
- Full installation of the beacon at this location and completion testing.

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 of project

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 - by 25th August 2025

Proposed mandatory site visit Loch Spelve, Isle of Mull - 9th or 10th September 2025

Clarification deadline for suppliers - 17th September 2025

Tender return deadline - 30th September 2025

Tender Award - by 20th October 2025

Site mobilisation - 3rd January 2025

Completion of project - By end March 2025

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

<https://nlb.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Edinburgh:-Beacons./856X523Q55>

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Total value (estimated)

- £140,000 excluding VAT
- £168,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 October 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 5 months, 12 days

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 34928430 - Beacons
- 43132100 - Drilling machinery
- 43310000 - Civil engineering machinery
- 44111800 - Mortar (construction)
- 45244000 - Marine construction works
- 45244100 - Marine installations

Contract locations

- UKM6 - Highlands and Islands

Engagement

Engagement deadline

24 August 2025

Engagement process description

NLB are looking for suppliers to note interest for these works. Those interested parties will receive an invite and access the full tender documents once they are published later in August. Please can you note your interest by 24th August 2025 to procurement@nlb.org.uk providing the email address to which the invite should be sent once the documents are ready.

Contracting authority

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