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Contract

FCP Natural Environment Valuation Model (NEV): Phase 2 - assessing the deliverab

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Scope

Reference

C29599

Description

Natural Environment Valuation Model (NEV): Phase 2 - assessing the deliverability of environmental objectives for farming under different scenarios Defra requires an R&D piece of work using a unique modelling tool developed by the supplier, that is capable of modelling the natural environment and farmer decisions, optimising policy pathways for the delivery of government targets and can do so spatially, temporally and rapidly. Phase 2 will seek to define optimal design for the delivery of nature while maximising delivery of water quality, air quality, and carbon objectives

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Supplier

- [University of Exeter](#)

Contract value

- £399,760 excluding VAT
- £499,700 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

3 September 2025

Contract dates

- 4 September 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 30 September 2026
- 1 year, 27 days

Description of possible extension:

Possible 6-month extension

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

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CPV classifications

- 79315000 - Social research services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Key performance indicators

Name	Description	Reporting frequency
KPIs and outputs	1: Assessment of outcome-based esmo delivery with additional ecosystem services including updated UCL biodiversity model 2: Phase 1 App with addition of all ES currently modelled 3: Summary report 4: Joint Defra-NEV team workshop 1 5: Assessment of outcome based esmo delivery focussed on carbon with the use of the new LEEP farm and carbon models and focus on tree planting, srg and one on-farm action 6: Joint Defra-NEV team Workshop 2 7: Assessment of outcome based esmo delivery extending Output 5 to include biodiversity 8: Joint Defra-NEV team Workshop 3	3 months

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

Direct award justification is due to an absence of competition for technical reasons, only a particular supplier can supply the goods, services or works required. Technical expertise required from the supplier using a unique modelling tool they have developed.

Supplier

University of Exeter

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

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