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Contract

UKHab Survey & Natural Capital Assessment of NHS Estate

Scottish Natural Heritage

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Procurement Team

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NUTS code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.nature.scot>

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00383

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UKHab Survey & Natural Capital Assessment of NHS Estate

Reference number

PP1401

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90700000 - Environmental services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NatureScot, in partnership with NHS National Services Scotland, is intending to carry out:

1. a UKHabv2 survey and;
2. a Natural Capital Assessment (NCA)

of the NHS Estate in Scotland.

A first Phase (herein referred to as Phase A to avoid confusion with 'Phase 1' Surveys) has already delivered UKHabv2 surveys for the NHS Estate within areas covered by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, NHS Highland and NHS Tayside. Additionally, a Phase 1 Habitat Survey of NHS Lothian Estate was carried out in 2020 as part of a biodiversity and climate change assessment for the NHS Lothian estate.

1. The purpose of carrying out the UKHab2 survey in the remaining 10 NHS Board areas (Phase B) is to establish a baseline to inform:

- a natural capital account of NHS greenspace at the NHS Board scale (part 2. of this project)

- a possible future biodiversity assessment of the NHS Estate, once an biodiversity metric tool has been developed and established in Scotland

- management of NHS greenspace to provide positive effects for biodiversity
- management of NHS greenspace to maximize the health benefits for staff, patients and the wider community
- priorities for investment in NHS greenspace to maximize benefits for people and nature
- opportunities for people to connect with nature as part of therapeutic health interventions

2. The purpose of carrying out the NCA across all Board areas (Phases A and B) is to provide:

- an appreciation and valuation – where possible in monetary terms - of the ecosystem services that the natural resources provide, such as clean water and air, flood regulation, climate regulation (carbon sequestration), pollination and visual amenity
- a framework for understanding the economic and social value of natural assets, which can be used to justify investments in nature and guide resource allocation
- a demonstration of how the NHS contributes to the well-being of society through actions that benefit nature
- a framework for risk management of natural capital and the potential impacts on the NHS estate.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £73,500

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90700000 - Environmental services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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of the NHS Estate in Scotland.

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1. The purpose of carrying out the UKHAb2 survey in the remaining 10 NHS Board areas (Phase B) is to establish a baseline to inform:

- a natural capital account of NHS greenspace at the NHS Board scale (part 2. of this project)
- a possible future biodiversity assessment of the NHS Estate, once an biodiversity metric tool has been developed and established in Scotland
- management of NHS greenspace to provide positive effects for biodiversity
- management of NHS greenspace to maximize the health benefits for staff, patients and the wider community
- priorities for investment in NHS greenspace to maximize benefits for people and nature
- opportunities for people to connect with nature as part of therapeutic health interventions

2. The purpose of carrying out the NCA across all Board areas (Phases A and B) is to provide:

- an appreciation and valuation – where possible in monetary terms - of the ecosystem services that the natural resources provide, such as clean water and air, flood regulation, climate regulation (carbon sequestration), pollination and visual amenity
- a framework for understanding the economic and social value of natural assets, which can be used to justify investments in nature and guide resource allocation
- a demonstration of how the NHS contributes to the well-being of society through actions

that benefit nature

- a framework for risk management of natural capital and the potential impacts on the NHS estate.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

All completed SPDs must be submitted via the Public Contracts Scotland portal secure mail-box. Candidates will be notified of who has been short-listed to Stage 2 of the procurement process and a Stage 2 Notice (plus accompanying Statement of Requirements with full details) will then be published on the portal for short-listed candidates.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

PP1401

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 September 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £73,500

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

This is a Stage 1 Notice, as we are using the dual stage 'restricted' procurement procedure. Submitted SPDs will be checked and responses to the selection question assessed/scored, and those candidates judged to have provided the most relevant/appropriate responses will be short-listed to Stage 2 (Invitation To Tender). The number of short-listed candidates will of course depend on both the quantity of SPDs received and the quality/relevance of responses to the selection question.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Inverness Sheriff Court

Inverness Justice Centre, Longman Road

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