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Contract

CEFAS25-81 RFQ for a geophysical and bathymetric survey at Sizewell C

CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE SCIENCE

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Scope

Description

The Sizewell BEEMS (British EDF Estuarine and Marine Studies) programme is funded by Sizewell C Limited (SZC). Through this programme, Cefas provide authoritative scientific information on the marine and transitional waters in the vicinity of the consented SZC new build nuclear power station and require a competent supplier to deliver the element described below.

The Ross Worm *Sabellaria spinulosa* is a sedentary, epifaunal polychaete worm which builds tubes by consolidating particles of sediment (Limpenny et al, 2010). *S. spinulosa* is abundant in UK waters, largely existing in solitary form or within small, low-lying aggregations (Hayward and Ryland, 1990). However, under the right environmental conditions they also can establish dense colonies and form biogenic reefs. These biogenic reefs are protected as an Annex I habitat under the EU Habitats Directive (EEC, 1992), and Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) are designated for their protection.

With the aim of improving our understanding of the extent, distribution, and nature of *S. spinulosa* biogenic reef (i.e. reefiness) across the area of interest, Cefas has commissioned this Contract to deliver a geophysical and bathymetric survey of this area

with co-located ground-truthing using an ARIS acoustic imaging system. We have proposed two options as to levels of provision. The primary acquisition will be for a full multispectral Multi Beam Echo Sounder (MBES) bathymetry survey with con-current Side Scan Sonar (SSS) and ARIS ground-truthing.

The key element of the requirement is the use of multispectral MBES system. The Supplier will provide a hydrographic survey vessel with A-Frame and winch (SWL 150Kg min) and hydrographic survey services

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Supplier

- [Njord Survey AB](#)

Contract value

- £49,808 excluding VAT
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Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

17 September 2025

Contract dates

- 18 September 2025 to 1 December 2025
- Possible extension to 31 March 2026
- 6 months, 13 days

Description of possible extension:

As agreed in writing between both Parties.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 63726800 - Research vessel services

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Supplier

Njord Survey AB

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

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