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Tender

Research proposals: studying the effects of large gulls on wading bird species in the Forest of Bowland

Natural England

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Scope

Reference

NE081025FOB

Description

In collaboration with partners, Natural England is seeking to better understand and gather evidence on declining wading bird species in the Forest of Bowland area which also hosts the UK's largest Lesser black-backed gull colony. Natural England is seeking a contractor to design a field research proposal which aims to address the evidence gaps identified in the Request for Quotation document. The study design will be used to support wildlife licensing applications in this area.

Total value (estimated)

- £15,000 excluding VAT

- £18,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 10 November 2025 to 8 February 2026
- Possible extension to 13 February 2026
- 3 months, 4 days

Description of possible extension:

A one week extension can be requested to complete the proposal If for any reason it has not been possible to deliver the contract within the original timeframe.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

Contract locations

- UKD - North West (England)

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Tender submission deadline

2 November 2025, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

To apply for this opportunity you must submit your quotation meeting the requirements detailed in the Request for Quotation (RFQ) attached.

Your response must be sent to NECCU@Naturalengland.org.uk by 23:59 on Sunday 2nd November 2025.

If you have any clarification questions linked to this opportunity or the procurement process please submit these via email to NECCU@Naturalengland.org.uk. Please note that, unless commercially sensitive, both the question and the response will be circulated to all tenderers.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

No

Award criteria

Full details available in the RFQ.

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Documents

Associated tender documents

[RFQ Research proposal, Studying the impacts of large gulls on wading bird species in the Forest of Bowland.docx](#)

RFQ

[Research & Development Order Form November 2023.docx](#)

Order Form

[Commercial response template.docx](#)

Commercial Response

Contracting authority

Natural England

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