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## **Update of JNCC Deep-Sea Sponge Aggregation (DSSA) Guidance**

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

C25-0498-2133

### **Description**

The primary aim is to conduct a comprehensive review and update of the existing Deep-Sea Sponge Aggregation (DSSA) guidance (Henry & Roberts, 2014) to create a framework that is clear, consistent, and usable for analysts and industry.

The new guidance must achieve standardisation and alignment with international definitions set by OSPAR and ICES, while concurrently establishing a robust UK interpretation that effectively supports national reporting, data sharing, and data analysis.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £16,667 excluding VAT
- £20,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 15 December 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 3 months, 17 days

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 90700000 - Environmental services

### **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

24 November 2025, 9:00am

### **Tender submission deadline**

1 December 2025, 9:00am

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

For more information on this project and how to apply, potential bidders are invited to download the ITT zip folder attached to this advert.

Bids should be submitted to the following email address [TenderResponse@jncc.gov.uk](mailto:TenderResponse@jncc.gov.uk) by the date and time shown within this advert.

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

No

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## **Award criteria**

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality of Bid	Clarity of proposal particularly work programme and deliverables (10) Understanding of, and relevance to, the requirements in particular the adequacy of outputs and approach proposed. (10) Soundness and logicality of methods (5) Realism and measurability of outputs (5) Evidence provided of how accessibility standards will be met (5) Identification and proposed solutions to potential risks/issues (5) Serious weaknesses which threaten success (5) Probability of success (5)	Quality	50%
Details of Contractor	Expertise, experience, and balance of team (15) Risks if important team members drop out (10) Adequacy of subcontractors if any (5)	Quality	30%
Cost	Total Cost (Including and whole-life cycle or Lifecycle costs) (5) Risk of cost variation (e.g. Indexed or fixed pricing) (5) Unit Rates (5) Transparency and correctness of proposal (5)	Cost	20%

## Procedure

### Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

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## Documents

### Associated tender documents

[ITT C25-0498-2133 DSSA Guidance.zip](#)

Invitation to tender documents

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## Contracting authority

### JNCC SUPPORT CO

- Companies House: 05380206
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRPL-6981-TDJT

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Scotland