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Tender

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

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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 by the date and time shown within this advert.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

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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 logicity 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

Documents

Associated tender documents

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

Invitation to tender documents

Contracting authority

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRPL-6981-TDJT

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Scotland