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Planning

Diving Services Framework 2026 Engagement session

Natural Resources Wales

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Scope

Description

This is a supplier engagement session notice in relation to the establishment of Diving services Framework agreement 2026.

Description

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) is seeking qualified professional scuba diving contractors to support our marine biological monitoring programme within Wales' Special Areas of Conservation (SACs).

Working alongside NRW's experienced diving scientists, contractors will help assess the health and condition of key subtidal habitat features - particularly reefs - through in-situ biological surveys. This work is essential for informing statutory reporting on the ecological status of Wales' protected marine sites.

Key Details:

- Location: SACs across Wales, including Pembrokeshire Marine, Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau, and Menai Strait & Conwy Bay

- Duration: Up to 25-30 days of fieldwork per year, typically between May and September
- Techniques: Species cell-frequency count quadrat surveys, species identification, underwater photography, and video documentation
- Collaboration: Work as part of a joint team with NRW divers and marine ecologists

We're looking for capable, safety-conscious diving professionals with experience in marine ecological surveys and a commitment to high-quality data collection.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £350,000 excluding VAT
- £420,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 6 March 2026 to 5 March 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 98360000 - Marine services

Contract locations

- UKL - Wales

Engagement

Engagement deadline

26 November 2025

Engagement process description

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The supplier engagement session will take place on the 26th November 2025 at 2 p.m - 3 p.m via Teams meeting.

Supplier to contact Jana.Paulova@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

should they wish to attend.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Contracting authority

Natural Resources Wales

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBBR-3628-MPRN

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Region: UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales