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## **Capturing transitional changes in GHG fluxes following peat restoration**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

C30264

### **Description**

There is approximately 1,420,000 hectares of peat in England, with deep peat accounting for approximately 680,000 hectares. However, the majority of our deep peat is degraded, damaged and dried out, with only 13% of deep peat remaining in a near natural state. As a result, peatlands in England emit approximately 8 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per year, about 2% of England's total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

There is an urgent need to re-wet peatlands to abate these GHG emissions to meet our net zero targets. In Carbon Budget 7, the Climate Change Committee recommends that by 2040, peatland restoration should represent over 50% of the emissions savings in land use, and 17% of the savings in the agriculture and land use sector. Peatland restoration targets have been set in the 2023 Environmental Improvement Plan (EIP), with an aim to restore 280,000 hectares by 2050.

When peat is restored or re-wet, it moves fro

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## **Contract 1. Capturing transitional changes in GHG fluxes following peat restoration**

### **Supplier**

- UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (UKCEH)

### **Contract value**

- £199,910.80 excluding VAT
- £239,892.96 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

26 November 2025

### **Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

26 November 2025

### **Standstill period**

- End: 8 December 2025
- 8 working days

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

8 December 2025

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

- 8 December 2025 to 31 March 2028
- 2 years, 3 months, 24 days

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

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### **Information about tenders**

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
  - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

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## Supplier

### UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (UKCEH)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNLJ-4998-WXXW

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Wallingford

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Email: [cehresearchcontracts@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:cehresearchcontracts@ceh.ac.uk)

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Region: UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## Contracting authority

### **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBD-3289-CDGX

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government