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Contract

Captive Rearing of Afon Irfon & Dee Freshwater Pearl Mussels 25-26

Natural Resources Wales

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Scope

Reference

C/2526/0023(A)

Description

Rearing juvenile pearl mussels is a difficult and highly specialist activity that requires a combination of technical expertise, attention to detail, and excellent water quality. It is not carried out commercially and there is therefore no reason to expect a market to develop. In Britain, only three hatcheries are known to carry this out: the FBA; EA's Kielder hatchery, and NRW's Clywedog hatchery. Other facilities occur in Ireland, France, Norway and Luxemburg.

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Supplier

- Freshwater Biological Association

Contract value

- £32,500 excluding VAT
- £39,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

10 October 2025

Contract dates

- 20 October 2025 to 20 April 2026
- 6 months, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 90721700 - Endangered species protection services

Contract locations

- UKL - Wales

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - without competition

Supplier

Freshwater Biological Association

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPPD-9779-NBVX

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Region: UKD12 - East Cumbria

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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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