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Contract

Essential Site, Plant and Equipment Training - Lots 1 & 9

Environment Agency

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Scope

Description

Chainsaw and Arboriculture Training and Vocational Drivers Training.

The Environment Agency (EA) uses a range of plant and equipment to manage many sites and maintain thousands of assets across the country, to help save lives and protect the environment. As a Category One responder, reacting to thousands of environmental and flooding incidents and potential incidents each year, the training provided through this contract will not only prepare its staff for the work they carry out in their day jobs, but also their incident roles.

The EA must have a competent and confident workforce who carry out work to protect people and the environment by operating and maintaining its flood and coastal assets and responding to incidents.

The purpose of this procurement is to coordinate and deliver the required training, to the required standard.

Lot 1. Chainsaw and Arboriculture training

Description

Full suite of professional standards in chainsaw operations and tree management structured across Level 2 and Level 3 awards to enable operations field teams to carry out routine maintenance and incident response activities on standing and fallen timber in all conditions. It covers foundational skills such as chainsaw maintenance, cross-cutting, and the use of powered pole pruners, as well as tree felling and processing for small to large trees. In addition, specialised modules address unique operational contexts, including in-channel obstruction removal and chainsaw use on floating platforms, ensuring adaptability to diverse environmental and operational challenges.

Lot 9. Vocational Drivers' Training

Description

To deliver National (international not required) Driver Certificate of Professional Competence (DCPC) training in blocks of seven hours either remotely or in a classroom environment at one of our premises. One of these blocks can be e-learning. Demountable body for Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) novice and refresher courses. (multi-lift - Hook loader vehicle) - This training should be approved to count as DCPC hours through the successful Tenderer(s). Mounted Hydraulic Operated Crane (Novice & Refresher) (Attachments). This training should be approved to count as DCPC hours through the successful Tenderer(s). Plant Loader securer (Novice/Refresher) - This training should be approved to count as DCPC hours through the successful Tenderer(s). Plant Mover - This training should be approved to count as DCPC hours through the successful Tenderer(s). Online Toolbox talks - Delivery (monthly) through an online platform with assessments. To maintain HGV drivers Continuing Professional Development (CPD) outside of DCPC and in line with the requirements of the Traffic Commissioner. This forms part of operator licence compliance and assists us with the accreditation of our Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) Earned Recognition award. Alternative Fuel Vehicles (AFVs) - For staff who do not hold a C, C1, C1E or C+E driving licence category and are required

to drive our 4.25t Electric Vans (EV) must complete the required 5 hours of training designed to equip category B licence holders with the knowledge and skills required to operate zero emission vehicles weighing up to 4.25t. The primary audience for this Lot is Environment Agency Field Operations teams.

Contract 3. Essential Site, Plant and Equipment Training - Lots 1 and 9

Lots

Lot 1. Chainsaw and Arboriculture training

Lot 9. Vocational Drivers' Training

Supplier

- KIELDER NEWPORT WEST LIMITED

Contract value

- £2,329,523 excluding VAT
- £2,795,427.60 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

25 November 2025

Contract dates

- 5 December 2025 to 27 November 2028
- Possible extension to 27 November 2030
- 4 years, 11 months, 23 days

Description of possible extension:

Two possible 12-month extensions

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80510000 - Specialist training services

Key performance indicators

Name	Reporting frequency
Provision of Management Information	3 months
Reporting of Incidents and Non-Attendance	3 months
Innovation	6 months
Responsiveness	3 months
Locality of Courses	3 months
Delivery to specification	6 months
Instructor CPD	6 months
Making Britain a Clean Energy Superpower	6 months

Submission

Submission type

Tenders

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

Environment Agency

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNWW-1475-NYLN

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

Summary of their role in this procurement: Undertaking project on behalf of EA

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBD-3289-CDGX

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Contact organisation

Contact Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs for any enquiries.