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Tender

Framework for Specialist Planning Advice: Ecology (Sussex area of the South Downs National Park)

South Downs National Park Authority

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

To allow additional time for the Christmas break, the revised submission deadline for return of bids is now Monday 12 January 2026.

Scope

Description

The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) is carrying out a tendering exercise with the objective of securing specialist ecology advice for planning officers. Planning applications will range across the Sussex area of the South Downs National Park.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £73,920 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

The SDNPA may extend the Framework Period by a further period of up to one year by giving written notice of its intention to extend this Framework and the required length of such extension.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 90712000 - Environmental planning

Contract locations

- UKJ - South East (England)

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

1

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Contracts will be awarded by direct award, as this is a single supplier framework. Prices will be determined by the rates submitted with the tender.

Award method when using the framework

Without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Tender submission deadline

12 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenders should be submitted through In-tend: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/southdowns>

No other method of submission will be accepted.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Approach to the contract 30%

Project resourcing 30%

Demonstration of understanding of the South Downs National Park in a planning context
5%

Price 35%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/southdowns.aspx/Home>

SDNPA use an electronic sourcing portal to manage all tendering and quotation exercises and current and future contract opportunities can be viewed at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/southdowns>

In order to view the full documents available it is necessary to register with the portal.

Registration is free and only has to be done once.

Contracting authority

South Downs National Park Authority

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJDL-9528-MNGZ

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Region: UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government