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## **Management of the Marine Env. Monitoring & Assessment National Database - Plus**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

C30718

### **Description**

This commission is for the provision of marine data management and support services for the MERMAN+ system (the “Data Manager”). The role requires demonstrable expertise in marine data management, and both UK and international marine data landscapes, as well as reporting commitments (see below). The project will ensure delivery of quality-assured marine environmental data to relevant parties and provide an assured evidence-base that will strengthen policy decisions within the UK and Europe.

MERMAN+ data are used to fulfil statutory reporting obligations under the UK Marine Strategy (UKMS) Regulations 2010 and mandatory reporting obligations under the Oslo Paris Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic (the OSPAR Convention). OSPAR commitments are met through the annual onward submission of MERMAN+ data to ICES. MERMAN+ data are also submitted to European Marine Observation and Data Network (E

## **Contract 1. Marine Environmental Monitoring and Assessment National Database – Plus (MERMAN+) Data Management**

### **Supplier**

- National Oceanography Centre

### **Contract value**

- £345,218 excluding VAT
- £414,261.60 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

16 December 2025

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

16 December 2025

### **Standstill period**

- End: 29 December 2025

- 8 working days

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

29 December 2025

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 29 December 2025 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 3 months, 3 days

Description of possible extension:

Up to 12 months, if required.

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Extension. Price review after two years

## **CPV classifications**

- 72322000 - Data management services

## **Information about tenders**

- 2 tenders received
- 2 tenders assessed in the final stage:
  - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 1 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

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## **Supplier**

### **National Oceanography Centre**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYLV-3456-PMCQ

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Email: [jamayl@noc.ac.uk](mailto:jamayl@noc.ac.uk)

Region: UKD72 - Liverpool

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): Yes

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## Contracting authority

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

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government