

Ireland: Research consultancy services

AFBI03-ITT03 Working at Height Expertise and Supervision

Contract or concession notice – standard regime

1 Buyer

1.1 Buyer

Official name: British Trust For Ornithology

Legal type of the buyer: Entity with special or exclusive rights

Activity of the contracting authority: Environmental protection

2 Procedure

2.1 Procedure

Title: AFBI03-ITT03 Working at Height Expertise and Supervision

Description: The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) and The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) are project partners in the ACCLIMATISE project, supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). ACCLIMATISE is led by the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI). Within this project, BTO is leading Work Package 2: 'Transboundary Conservation Strategies and Sustainable Management of Marine Predators'. RSPB and BTO are co-leading the ornithological work within the project; this specifically includes seabird tracking and diet analysis, at sea surveys, passive acoustic monitoring, and developing a transboundary seabird conservation strategy and action plans for priority threatened seabird species. BTO and RSPB are looking for suitably qualified and experienced companies to Tender for the provision of Working at Height (WAH) expertise as part of the ACCLIMATISE project between May and August 2026. BTO and RSPB staff are trained as Industrial Rope Access Techniques Association (IRATA) Level 1 Operatives and for each Lot in this Call for Tender (CfT) are seeking field supervision from IRATA certified technicians (Level 3 and Level 2). The work will be focused on facilitating access and supervising researchers at seabird colonies across Northern Ireland. Specifications for the work are split into two Lots, Lot 1, led by BTO and Lot 2, led by RSPB. In both cases, the work carried out by the Supplier will be the same, namely enabling the safe access of Level 1 trained BTO and RSPB staff to seabird colonies in coastal locations in Northern Ireland in order to catch birds for GPS tagging as part of the ACCLIMATISE project. The primary difference between the Lots is the location of work. In both cases, the first two weeks of catching work will be located on Rathlin Island (55.29238, -6.19234), where BTO and RSPB will be working as a single unit. However, for the final two weeks BTO and RSPB teams will be split, with RSPB continuing to work on Rathlin, and BTO moving on to colonies located in Portrush (55.19821, -6.67199) and Newcastle (54.18917, -5.87803). This will result in the contractor supplying IRATA Level 3 and Level 2 support on Rathlin to a single team at the start of the field season but once BTO leave the island, concurrent Level 3 and Level 2 support will also be necessary on the mainland.

Procedure identifier: 6e11a193-05e0-44fb-a765-298e8e06a47d

Type of procedure: Open

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1 Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 73210000 Research consultancy services

2.1.2 Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

2.1.3 Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 91 000 Euro

2.1.4 General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

2.1.5 Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Maximum number of lots for which one tenderer can submit tenders: 2

The tenderer must submit tenders for all lots

Terms of contract:

Maximum number of lots for which contracts can be awarded to one tenderer: 2

2.1.6 Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: European Single Procurement Document (ESPD)

5 Lot

5.1 Lot technical ID: LOT-0001

Title: Lot 1 - BTO at Rathlin Island, Portrush, and Newcastle

Description: The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) and The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) are project partners in the ACCLIMATE project, supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). ACCLIMATE is led by the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI). Within this project, BTO is leading Work Package 2: 'Transboundary Conservation Strategies and Sustainable Management of Marine Predators'. RSPB and BTO are co-leading the ornithological work within the project; this specifically includes seabird tracking and diet analysis, at sea surveys, passive acoustic monitoring, and developing a transboundary seabird conservation strategy and action plans for priority threatened seabird species. BTO and RSPB are looking for suitably qualified and experienced companies to Tender for the provision of Working at Height (WAH) expertise as part of the ACCLIMATE project between May and August 2026. BTO and RSPB staff are trained as Industrial Rope Access Techniques Association (IRATA) Level 1 Operatives and for each Lot in this Call for Tender (CfT) are seeking field supervision from IRATA certified technicians (Level 3 and Level 2). The work will be focused on facilitating access and supervising researchers at seabird colonies across Northern Ireland. Specifications for the work are split into two Lots, Lot 1, led by BTO and Lot 2, led by RSPB. In both cases, the work carried out by the Supplier will be the same, namely enabling the safe access of Level 1 trained BTO and RSPB staff to seabird colonies in coastal locations in Northern Ireland in order to catch birds for GPS tagging as part of the ACCLIMATE project. The primary difference between the Lots is the location of work. In both cases, the first two weeks of catching work will be located on Rathlin Island (55.29238, -6.19234), where BTO and RSPB will be working as a single unit. However, for the final two weeks BTO and RSPB teams will be split, with RSPB continuing to work on Rathlin, and BTO moving on to colonies located in Portrush (55.19821, -6.67199) and Newcastle (54.18917, -5.87803). This will result in the contractor supplying IRATA Level 3 and Level 2 support on Rathlin to a single team at the start of the field season but once BTO leave the island, concurrent Level 3 and Level 2 support will also be necessary on the mainland.

Internal identifier: 1

5.1.1 Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 73210000 Research consultancy services

5.1.2 Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

Additional information:

5.1.3 Estimated duration

Duration: 4 Month

5.1.5 Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 73 000 Euro

5.1.6 General information

Reserved participation: Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.

Information about European Union funds

EU funds programme: European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) (2021/2027)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

5.1.7 Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: No strategic procurement

5.1.9 Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: European Single Procurement Document (ESPD)

5.1.11 Procurement documents

Languages in which the procurement documents are officially available: English

Languages in which the procurement documents (or their parts) are unofficially available: English

Deadline for requesting additional information: 17/04/2026 17:00 +00:00

Address of the procurement documents: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/listContractDocuments.do?resourceId=7751130>

5.1.12 Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/viewTenders.do?resourceId=7751130>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: English

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Tenderers may submit more than one tender: Allowed

Deadline for receipt of tenders: 24/04/2026 17:00 +00:00

Deadline until which the tender must remain valid: 60 Day

Information about public opening:

Opening date: 27/04/2026 00:00 +00:00

Place: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/prepareViewCfTWS.do?resourceId=7751130>

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Electronic invoicing: Allowed

Electronic ordering will be used: yes

Electronic payment will be used: yes

5.1.15 Techniques

Framework agreement:

No framework agreement

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16 Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: The High Court of Ireland

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents: British Trust For Ornithology

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: The High Court of Ireland

Organisation receiving requests to participate: British Trust For Ornithology

Organisation processing tenders: British Trust For Ornithology

5.1 Lot technical ID: LOT-0002

Title: Lot 2 - RSPB on Rathlin Island

Description: The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) and The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) are project partners in the ACCLIMATISE project, supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). ACCLIMATISE is led by the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI). Within this project, BTO is leading Work Package 2: 'Transboundary Conservation Strategies and Sustainable Management of Marine Predators'. RSPB and BTO are co-leading the ornithological work within the project; this specifically includes seabird tracking and diet analysis, at sea surveys, passive acoustic monitoring, and developing a transboundary seabird conservation strategy and action plans for priority threatened seabird species. BTO and RSPB are looking for suitably qualified and experienced companies to Tender for the provision of Working at Height (WAH) expertise as part of the ACCLIMATISE project between May and August 2026. BTO and RSPB staff are trained as Industrial Rope Access Techniques Association (IRATA) Level 1 Operatives and for each Lot in this Call for Tender (CfT) are seeking field supervision from IRATA certified technicians (Level 3 and Level 2). The work will be focused on facilitating access and supervising researchers at seabird colonies across Northern Ireland. Specifications for the work are split into two Lots, Lot 1, led by BTO and Lot 2, led by RSPB. In both cases, the work carried out by the Supplier will be the same, namely enabling the safe access of Level 1 trained BTO and RSPB staff to seabird colonies in coastal locations in Northern Ireland in order to catch birds for GPS tagging as part of the ACCLIMATISE project. The primary difference between the Lots is the location of work. In both cases, the first two weeks of catching work will be located on Rathlin Island (55.29238, -6.19234), where BTO and RSPB will be working as a single unit. However, for the final two weeks BTO and RSPB teams will be split, with RSPB continuing to work on Rathlin, and BTO moving on to colonies located in Portrush (55.19821, -6.67199) and Newcastle (54.18917, -5.87803). This will result in the contractor supplying IRATA Level 3 and Level 2 support on Rathlin to a single team at the start of the field season but once BTO leave the island, concurrent Level 3 and Level 2 support will also be necessary on the mainland.

Internal identifier: 2

5.1.1 Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 73210000 Research consultancy services

5.1.2 Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

Additional information:

5.1.3 Estimated duration

Duration: 4 Month

5.1.5 Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 18 000 Euro

5.1.6 General information

Reserved participation: Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.

Information about European Union funds

EU funds programme: European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) (2021/2027)
The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

5.1.7 Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: No strategic procurement

5.1.9 Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: European Single Procurement Document (ESPD)

5.1.11 Procurement documents

Languages in which the procurement documents are officially available: English

Languages in which the procurement documents (or their parts) are unofficially available: English

Deadline for requesting additional information: 17/04/2026 17:00 +00:00

Address of the procurement documents: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/listContractDocuments.do?resourceId=7751130>

5.1.12 Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/viewTenders.do?resourceId=7751130>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: English

Electronic catalogue: Not allowed

Tenderers may submit more than one tender: Allowed

Deadline for receipt of tenders: 24/04/2026 17:00 +00:00

Deadline until which the tender must remain valid: 60 Day

Information about public opening:

Opening date: 27/04/2026 00:00 +00:00

Place: <https://www.etenders.gov.ie/epps/cft/prepareViewCFTWS.do?resourceId=7751130>

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Electronic invoicing: Allowed

Electronic ordering will be used: yes

Electronic payment will be used: yes

5.1.15 Techniques

Framework agreement:

No framework agreement

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16 Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: The High Court of Ireland

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents: British Trust For Ornithology

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: The High Court of Ireland

Organisation receiving requests to participate: British Trust For Ornithology

Organisation processing tenders: Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

8 Organisations

8.1 ORG-0001

Official name: British Trust For Ornithology

Registration number: 00357284

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Town: Thetford

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Country: Ireland

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Buyer profile: <https://www.bto.org/>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents

Organisation receiving requests to participate

Organisation processing tenders

8.1 ORG-0002

Official name: The High Court of Ireland

Registration number: The High Court of Ireland

Department: The High Court of Ireland

Postal address: Four Courts, Inns Quay, Dublin 7

Town: Dublin

Postcode: D07 WDX8

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

Email: HighCourtCentralOffice@courts.ie

Telephone: +353 1 8886000

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1 ORG-0003

Official name: European Dynamics S.A.

Registration number: 002024901000

Department: European Dynamics S.A.

Town: Athens

Postcode: 15125

Country subdivision (NUTS): Βόρειος Τομέας Αθηνών (EL301)

Country: Greece

Email: eproc-esender@eurodyn.com

Telephone: +30 2108094500

Roles of this organisation:

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8.1 ORG-0004

Official name: Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Registration number: 00207076

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Town: Sandy
Postcode: SG19 2DL
Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)
Country: Ireland
Roles of this organisation:
 Organisation processing tenders

Notice information

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