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Ireland – Research consultancy services – AFBI03-ITT03 Working at Height Expertise and Supervision

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Contract or concession award notice – standard regime
Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: British Trust For Ornithology

Email: rst@bto.org

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

Activity of the contracting authority: Environmental protection

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Email: rspb.nireland@rspb.org.uk

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

Previous notice: 98d7bbb9-3e13-49ce-bd27-9934e8a0ff97-01

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: 91 000,00 EUR

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: 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 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

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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

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 4 Months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 91 000,00 EUR

5.1.6. General information

Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.

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

5.1.7. Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: No strategic procurement

5.1.10. Award criteria

Criterion:

Type: Cost

Description: Cost @ 20

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 20

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Technical Specification @ 20

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 20

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Supplier Experience @ 30

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 30

Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Ability to Deliver @ 30

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 30

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 executing the payment: British Trust For Ornithology

5.1. Lot: 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

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Duration: 4 Months

5.1.5. Value

Estimated value excluding VAT: 91 000,00 EUR

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Procurement Project fully or partially financed with EU Funds.

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

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Aim of strategic procurement: No strategic procurement

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Award criterion number: 20

Criterion:

Type: Quality

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Description: Supplier Experience @ 30

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Criterion:

Type: Quality

Description: Ability to Deliver @ 30

Category of award weight criterion: Weight (percentage, exact)

Award criterion number: 30

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 executing the payment: British Trust For Ornithology

6. Results

Value of all contracts awarded in this notice: 91 557,66 EUR

6.1. Result lot identifier: LOT-0001

Winner selection status: At least one winner was chosen.

6.1.2. Information about winners

Winner:

Official name: TICH ACCESS LIMITED

Tender:

Tender identifier: 000169592

Identifier of lot or group of lots: LOT-0001

Value of the tender: 70 245,97 EUR

Subcontracting: Yes

Subcontracting value is known: yes

Value of subcontracting: 56 906,79 EUR

Subcontracting percentage is known: yes

Percentage of subcontracting: 80

Contract information:

Identifier of the contract: 440426

Date on which the winner was chosen: 13/05/2026

Date of the conclusion of the contract: 13/05/2026

Information about European Union funds:

Name of EU-financed project or programme: European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) (2021/2027)

Identifier of EU funds: PEACEPLUS ACCLIMATISE

6.1.4. Statistical information**Received tenders or requests to participate:**

Type of received submissions: Tenders

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 3

6.1. Result lot identifier: LOT-0002

Winner selection status: At least one winner was chosen.

6.1.2. Information about winners**Winner:**

Official name: TICH ACCESS LIMITED

Tender:

Tender identifier: 000169592

Identifier of lot or group of lots: LOT-0002

Value of the tender: 21 311,69 EUR

Subcontracting: Yes

Subcontracting value is known: yes

Value of subcontracting: 17 031,66 EUR

Subcontracting percentage is known: yes

Percentage of subcontracting: 80

Contract information:

Identifier of the contract: 440427

Date on which the winner was chosen: 13/05/2026

Date of the conclusion of the contract: 13/05/2026

Information about European Union funds:

Name of EU-financed project or programme: European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) (2021/2027)

Identifier of EU funds: PEACEPLUS ACCLIMATISE

6.1.4. Statistical information**Received tenders or requests to participate:**

Type of received submissions: Tenders

Number of tenders or requests to participate received: 3

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: British Trust For Ornithology

Registration number: 00357284

Postal address: The Nunnery,

Town: Thetford

Postcode: IP24 2PU

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

Email: rst@bto.org

Telephone: +44 1842750050

Fax: +44 1842 750030

Internet address: <https://www.bto.org/>

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

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation providing offline access to the procurement documents

Organisation executing the payment

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: TICH ACCESS LIMITED

Size of the economic operator: Micro

The organisation is a natural person

Registration number: SC822855

Postal address: Blick Shared Studios, 46 Hill Street

Town: Belfast

Postcode: BT1 2LB

Country: United Kingdom

Email: claire@tich-access.com

Telephone: 0871971619

Internet address: www.tich-access.com

Roles of this organisation:

Tenderer

Winner of these lots: LOT-0001, LOT-0002

8.1. ORG-0003

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-0004

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:

TED eSender

8.1. ORG-0005

Official name: Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Registration number: 00207076

Postal address: The Lodge Potton Road

Town: Sandy

Postcode: SG19 2DL

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

Email: rspb.nireland@rspb.org.uk

Telephone: 01767 680551

Buyer profile: <https://www.rspb.org.uk>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

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