# **Truxor hire contract**

# **Background to Natural England**

Natural England’s vision is of **Thriving nature for people and planet**.

Our ambition is not just to improve nature, but to see it thriving everywhere. This is because we recognise that a healthy natural environment is fundamental to everyone’s wealth, health and happiness.

Our definition of nature encompasses:

* natural beauty
* wildlife
* the geology that underpins natural character and habitats
* our cultural connections with nature

Our work over the next few years will reflect the priorities set out in the government’s 25 Year Environment Plan. It will be focused around 4 goals:

* Resilient landscapes and seas
* Sustainable development
* Greener farming and fisheries
* Connecting people with nature

# **Background to Work**

The hiring of truxors is to allow Natural England staff to carry out essential works across the Suffolk coastal NNR groups reedbeds cutting and clearing reed dykes, pools and old reed blocks as part of the essential reedbed management plans to prevent natural succession of the reedbeds whistle creating feeding and nesting grounds for schedule 1 and other reedbed specialist species such as bittern, marsh harrier, bearded reedling and water rails.

It will also allow for better water control and flood prevention allowing water to move freely though the dyke networks

# **Requirement**

We are looking to hire two truxor machines one with a cutter head and a collector basket and the other with just a collector basket they will be ran as a pair however the spare collector head can go on the cutting machine when a surplus of material needs to be moved.

we are looking to hire this equipment for 3 week and will need them delivered to site with the trailers so we are able to move them about if needed

# **Supporting documentation**

Please supply us with the following documentation:

* + Plan for completion of the work
	+ Health & safety Policies/certificates
	+ Any Environment Policies
	+ VAT registration number

Prior to work commencing:

* + Risk Assessments

# **Sustainability**

Wildlife and Natural Features - How will you avoid critical and irreversible environmental damage to wildlife and natural features and minimise general damage to ecology on site (such as changes to water quality; destruction of places inhabited by plants and animals; interruptions to the movement of wildlife; vegetation damage through trampling by people or vehicles)?

Biosecurity. Plant and animal diseases, pests and invasive non- native species (INNS) can be spread between and within sites by visitors. Contractors must take adequate biosecurity precautions to ensure that the risk of spreading disease, pests and INNS is minimised i.e. vehicles, equipment and clothes (particularly boots) must be clean before entering a site, and cleaned again before leaving. Vehicles, equipment and clothes must be free of loose mud and plant debris and, as far as possible, free of water (for example, boats should be drained).

These basic precautions should be carried out as a matter of routine, but some sites may require additional biosecurity measures (such as disinfection where there is a danger of transferring crayfish plague between waters). The contractor must demonstrate an understanding of biosecurity risks in general, and of the good practice measures that will minimise risks from any specific threats they are informed of.

Please therefore provide details of your policies/procedures with regard to biosecurity and delivery of this project

# **Quote/Tender & Contract Timescales**

Invitation to tender

Return deadline

Contract award

Contract start As soon as possible

Contract deadline October/ November

# **Key contacts**

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