Clarifications to Bidder’s Questions:

Holderness coast habitat map using multibeam and backscatter datasets

***Q1) Please could we check regarding the format of the responses to the questions – the instructions seem to suggest that all questions should be within one, four-page limit, yet the ‘information to be returned’ asks for a separate response document for each technical questions?***

***Please could you confirm whether it is a four-page limit for all questions responses combined (in a single document), or 5 separate responses (for each question) with four-page limit, or 4 separate responses (for each question theme) with a four-page limit?***

A1) Please send the answers to all of the technical questions back in a single document, ideally not exceeding 4 pages in total. Then the commercial question should be answered using the commercial response template on contract finder.

**Q2) The RFQ states:**

***The map is to include the nearshore area between Spurn Point and an area South of Flamborough Head, which will encompass:***

* ***Smithic Sands***
* ***Holderness Inshore Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ)***
* ***Flamborough and Filey Coast Special Protection Area (SPA)***
* ***Flamborough Head Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)***
* ***Humber Estuary SAC, SPA and SSSI***

***Please clarify whether the area to be mapped fully encompasses all of these area features or only partially intersects with them, as depicted in the image below.***



A2) The intention is for the mapped outputs to cover the whole of Holderness inshore MCZ, extending north to incorporate Smithic Sands, which will have a small overlap with the Flamborough Head SAC in southernmost section.

**Q3) *Please could you confirm if ArcPro is suitable and if a minimum requirement of 10.2 is meant, but shapefiles will still be compatible.***

A3) 10.2 is the minimum version requirement, and ArcPro will be suitable***.***

**Q4) *Given the relatively short publication window to closing date […] is there a a possibility of a submission deadline extension?***

A4) Unfortunately we are not able to offer an extension for the application.

**Q5) *Is is possible to provide a little more information on study area (e.g. approximate km2 of data coverage and/or data sizes (GB)?***

A5) The MCZ has an area of 309km2. The additional area to the north of this, incorporating Smithic Sands would be an additional 120-130km2. We have no specification re data size.

***Q6) Can we confirm which version of EUNIS levels are required?***

A6) 2012 version will directly align with the habitats of the MCZ as classified. Please use Level 3 of version.

***Q7) Is there any requirement for a data search and review of third party data, noting timescales?***

A7) Any additional data used would be at the bidder’s discretion

**Q8) *Will datasets with licence requirements be provided without us requiring to apply for licences?***

A8) Yes, the data from the BGS will be provided with no requirement for additional licence provision

***Q9) Is it possible to use any publicly available datasets to ground truth, or will these be included in the datasets?***

A9) Ground truthing datasets will not be provided and would be additional at the discretion of the bidder.

**Q10) *For third party projects, such as other commercial projects that are able to draw knowledge from, what level of referencing is required?***

A10) TBC

**Q11) *How are the datasets going to be issued, online via a designated site or on a physical hard driver?***

A11) Method will be discussed / agreed once contract has been secured

***Q12) We understand the datum is WGS84 – just to confirm that no projection is required (i.e. UTM31N?)***

A12) No projection is required

**Q13) Noted that the map needs to be ESRI ArcGIS 10.2, but would this need to be as ArcPro or ArcMap?**

A13)Either would be suitable

***Q14) Would an online deliverable version be an option?***

A14) This could be discussed upon award of the contract

***Q15) Is the PDF requirement a simple PDF or 3D PDF?***

A15) This would be at the bidder’s discretion

***Q16) We understand the requirement is for the proposal to be limited to 4 pages, are we able to supplement with appendices to provide additional evidence?***

A16) You are welcome to include appendices as part of your application

***Q17) Can you confirm the T&Cs used for this contract: i.e. Standard goods and services terms and conditions (£10,000 to £50,000) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)? If there are any amendments, will these be able to be discussed?***

A17) We will provide confirmation shortly