Background

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.

Background to the specific work area relevant to this purchase

As part of the reedbed management Natural England has been hiring in truxors for serval years to help carry out reedbed management in wetter areas which aren’t raceable by foot.

Removing reed and other aquatic vegetation to prevent natural succession of the reedbed and to also ensure the dyke systems stay open to allow avian and mammal species access to the water for travel, hunting and drinking.

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.

Sustainability

Natural England protects and improves the environment and is committed to reducing the sustainability impacts of its activities directly and through its supply chains. We expect the Contractor to share this commitment and adopt a sound, proactive sustainable approach in keeping with the 25 yr environmental plan/our commitments compliant with all applicable legislation. This includes understanding and reducing direct and indirect sustainability impacts and realising opportunities, including but not restricted to; resilience to climate change, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, water use and quality, biosecurity, resource efficiency and waste, reducing the risk of pollution, biodiversity, modern slavery and equality, diversity & inclusion, negative community impacts.

As a delivery partner, the successful contractor is expected to pursue sustainability in their operations, thereby ensuring the Contracting Authority is not contracting with a supplier whose operational outputs run contrary to the Contracting Authority’s objectives. The successful contractor will need to approach the project with a focus on the entire life cycle of the project

Outputs and Contract Management

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| Reference | Deliverable | Responsible Party | Date of completion |
| Delivery of equipment | Start to mid-October |  |  |
| Collection | After 3 weeks of delivery |  |  |
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