Unexploded Ordnance Studies for England Ecosystem Survey Monads

Supplier questions and answers

1. Your extended request for 33 UXO Detailed Risk Assessments(tbc) appears to be for the same initial budget of £30,000 exclusive of VAT. Is this correct?

We would expect the 33 detailed desk studies to be at the upper end of the £30K+VAT value. This value is based on previous costs incurred for similar work. The contract value is for guidance only and we will still accept bids that are over £30K.

Regarding the sampling units, they are based on 1km² grids (monads) aligned with the British National Grid. While we can't provide the exact locations at this stage, all monads will be randomly distributed across England. Dense urban areas are avoided but some larger urban parks may be included. Soil survey areas exclude bodies of water and rivers.

1. Which, if any of these sites are on active or former military training grounds? What, if any,  security clearances required for any of them? Can access be arranged, should a site visit be required?

Former military training sites may be included. There are no security clearances required. Studies are to be desk-based only, and based on materials that do not require security clearances to access. Land access for the purpose of the studies will not be required and so it will not be arranged.

1. The tender documents refer to associated reports? Please could you elaborate on what reports are required? Is an options appraisal required as well?

Report refers to the summaries of site information pertaining to UXO risks on site presented in a format suitable for the soil surveyors to understand and use to know what they can expect on site.

1. Geographic coverage: are all the sites on mainland England (excl Channel Isles, Isle of Wight, Isle of Man)? Visits to the relevant Records/Archives for these would incur significant additional costs to deliver our regular, full, high-quality reporting.

Channel Isles, Isle of Man and Scilly Isles are excluded.

1. Site locations/timetable. Is a full list of sites available for planning purposes to streamline our archives/records visits as efficiently as possible?

We cannot provide exact locations before the commencement of the contract. All locations will be provided at once at the commencement of the contract.