Background to Natural England

Natural England are the government agency for nature conservation. Part of our remit is the management of National Nature Reserves. To undertake this work we require tools, machinery and equipment.

Purchase of Argocat Conquest 8x8 amphibious all-terrain vehicle

Background to the specific work area relevant to this purchase

Natural England manage Fenn's, Whixall & Bettisfield Mosses National Nature Reserve. The National Nature Reserve is on peat and has become wetter and boggier after years of restoration works. To be able to continue delivering further restoration works and on-going site management we require a specific machine to allow access to even the most challenging areas around the National Nature Reserve. The specified machine will also allow tools and equipment to be transported around the site.

Requirement

Supply and delivery of:

1 x Argocat Conquest 8x8 amphibious all-terrain vehicle.

Two-person cab with windscreen & windscreen wiper.

2 person roll over protection system (ROPS).

Front mounted WARN winch with synthetic rope.

18" wide rubber track system.

50 mm tow bar.

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

The outputs are delivery of the above list of equipment. The contract will be managed between the successful supplier and the Natural England project officer.