Background

The Wyre Forest NNR is a mosaic of woodland, grassland meadows, old orchards and areas of scrub. The site supports an important invertebrate population that includes England’s largest colony of pearl-bordered fritillary butterflies. Breeding birds in the area include redstart, pied flycatcher, wood warbler, buzzard and raven, while dipper, grey wagtail and kingfisher are found on the larger streams. There is also a healthy population of reptiles and amphibians with Adders and great crested newts present.

Background to the specific work area relevant to this purchase

The purchase of the 360 Arb excavator is to allow Natural England staff to carry out essential works across the Wyre Forest NNR. This is to allow the processing of coppice material, creation of fencing product from onsite materials, the clearance of brash and ride widening. This is all part of the NNR management plan to enable the creation of diverse and dynamic structure to produce the correct habitat for the pearl bordered fritillary, small pearl bordered fritillary butterflies, reptile and amphibians such as adders and great crested newts.

It will also allow for better creation and maintenance of infrastructure to the site as well as reducing the manual handling tasks on members on staff.

Requirement

We are looking to purchase a Mini Excavator with conventional Tailswing, Operating at 2775kg, Cab Build c/w Heater, Max digging reach 4850mm, Double acting pipework, Rotation circuit pipework, Hose Burst Check Valves, Hydraulic Quick Hitch, Amber Beacon, Green Seat Belt Beacon, Quick release couplings, Radio, Built in immobiliser, 12” Bucket with blade, 24” Bucket with Blade, 42” Ditch, Clearing Bucket with blade, Front Screen Guard, Case Drain, Bio oil, TG16 PRO - SR5 & GR55 Rigid Rotator Log grab, Ifor williams GH1054 trailer, LED lights, spare wheel, 5 year warrantee

**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  | 06/01/2025 |  |  |
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