Contract Opportunity:

Coastal Woodlands – Artisan Products & Skills

Background

1 The Solway Coast and Marine Landscape Connections Project (SCAMP) is currently in a 2-year development phase, running to a proposed end date of March 2027. Website: https://www.solwaycoastmarine.co.uk/.

2 SCAMP is the first project in the UK to be awarded funding under the National Lottery Heritage Fund's 'Landscape Connections' programme.

3 The aim of the development phase is to design and detail the work that will take place in the proposed subsequent 8-year delivery phase.

4 SCAMP is proposing a focus on five key habitats along the Solway Firth, one of which is 'Coastal Woodlands'. For SCAMP purposes, 'Coastal Woodland' is classed as within approximately 5 miles of the coast.

5 A range of projects are being explored and developed under this heading, led by Dumfries & Galloway Woodlands (DGW), a registered charity. (www.dgwoodlands.org.uk.)

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6 A key part of any Coastal Woodlands work will be understanding how Coastal Woodlands, and products derived from Coastal Woodlands, can support local businesses and economic activity. This ties into the broader overall SCAMP ambition to deliver measurable economic benefits for the wider region.

7 This contract opportunity aims to better understand products and services relating to Coastal Woodlands that offer the potential for projects with an economic development benefit in the SCAMP delivery phase.

8 This is a broad topic, varying from use of products/ingredients/characteristics of coastal woodlands to support related businesses, through to actual woodland trades and heritage crafts that are involved in the management and care for coastal woodlands – some of which might be under threat or diminishing for various reasons.

9 The beneficiaries could be local micro businesses (including those as yet unformed) through to established market players.

10 This contract will be a mixture of desktop work, supported when required by visits/interviews with practitioners and potential partners,

11 The contract output is the drafting of a summary report outlining opportunities for projects in the SCAMP Delivery Phase that can deliver economic benefits for the region, based on skills in and products from our coastal woodlands.

Expressions of Interest

12 Expressions of Interest are sought to undertake this work that could inform planning of the Coastal Woodlands delivery phase projects.

13 This contract will have a total cost of £7,500.

14 Expressions of Interest should include:

- A copy of your CV
- Any initial thoughts about process and ambitions from the project – max 3 paragraphs
- An indication of your daily rate and therefore how much time a £7,500 contract would cover.

15 Expressions of Interest to be submitted to mcnabb.laurie@dgwoodlands.org by 9am on 26th January 2026.

16 Timeline:

- Award Contract + Contract kick off meeting: Feb 2026
- Contract Completion: By 06/07/2026

17 Any queries about the contract or making an expression of interest, please contact mcnabb.laurie@dgwoodlands.org.