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Award

Supply of Multiparameter Oceanographic Water Quality Instruments – Lots 1 & 2

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

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Scope

Reference

C30608

Description

The Authority requires a new Public Contract (stand-alone public contract with Ordering Schedule) for the supply of multi-parameter instruments to equip the Environment Agency with the best evidence gathering instruments available.

Public Contract for the supply of hand-deployable multi-parameter instruments for marine and estuarine water quality monitoring.

The instruments will be used for statutory monitoring, (including spot sampling), European Union Directive and Environment Management investigations. Equipment will be deployed from coastal survey vessels and rigid hulled inflated boats.

The Public Contract is split into Two Lots.

- Lot 1: Purchase of: Multi-Parameter Instruments, deployable for marine use
- Lot 2: Hire of: Multi-Parameter Instruments, deployable for marine use

The Public Contract for Lot 1 & Lot 2 is to be awarded for 3 years with the option to extend for 2 additional 12-month periods.

Lot 1. Lot 1: Purchase of: Multi-Parameter Instruments, deployable for marine use

Description

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- Lot 1: Purchase of: Multi-Parameter Instruments, deployable for marine use

Lot 2. Lot 2: Hire of: Multi-Parameter Instruments, deployable for marine use

Description

The Public Contract is split into Two Lots. One supplier will be appointed for either lot 1 or lot 2. They will be the sole supplier for that lot. Only a single lot (either lot 1 or lot 2) will be awarded.

- Lot 2: Hire of: Multi-Parameter Instruments, deployable for marine use

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Lots

Lot 1. Lot 1: Purchase of: Multi-Parameter Instruments, deployable for marine use

Lot 2. Lot 2: Hire of: Multi-Parameter Instruments, deployable for marine use

Supplier

- RS Aqua Limited

Contract value

- £500,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

4 December 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

4 December 2025

Standstill period

- End: 19 January 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

21 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 21 January 2026 to 1 January 2029
- Possible extension to 2 January 2029
- 2 years, 11 months, 13 days

Description of possible extension:

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Main procurement category

Goods

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

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CPV classifications

- 31682210 - Instrumentation and control equipment

Information about tenders

Lot 1. Lot 1: Purchase of: Multi-Parameter Instruments, deployable for marine use

- 3 tenders received
- 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 2 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Lot 2. Lot 2: Hire of: Multi-Parameter Instruments, deployable for marine use

- 3 tenders received
- 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 2 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

RS Aqua Limited

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRHV-4754-WDQX

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNWW-1475-NYLN

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Summary of their role in this procurement: Defra Group Commercial - Procurement

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