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## **NW2833 Scientific Services Capex Framework**

NORTHUMBRIAN WATER GROUP LIMITED

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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### **Section I: Contracting entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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Buyer's address

<https://www.nwl.co.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://s1.ariba.com>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://s1.ariba.com>

**I.6) Main activity**

Water

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

NW2833 Scientific Services Capex Framework

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Northumbrian Water Limited wish to purchase some major items of analytical laboratory equipment over the next 5 years.

The incumbent suppliers are Agilent Technologies, & Skalar. They were awarded a framework contract in 2021. Using information from the AMP8 capex replacement programme, prices will be sought up front, and a strategic partner or partners would be awarded a five year framework.

The framework will be split into five lots as follows:

1. Gas Chromatography / Mass Spectrometry (GCMS)
2. Liquid Chromatography / Mass Spectrometry (LCMS)
3. Inductively coupled plasma / Mass Spectrometry (ICP MS & OES)
4. Flowcytometry
5. Ancillary laboratory equipment

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Gas Chromatography / Mass Spectrometry (GCMS)

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

- Systems are currently used for drinking water (DW) analysis of final and raw waters for a range of herbicides and pesticides.
- Used for semi-quant analysis to identify SV unknowns
- Need library for ID
- Hydrogen (He alternative) to be used as carrier gas
- Autosampler capacity ca 50 place
- Chromatographic integration software

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

## **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Liquid Chromatography / Mass Spectrometry (LCMS)

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

- Systems are currently used for drinking water (DW) analysis of final and surface waters for a range of herbicides and pesticides.

- First system will need to achieve limits of quantification (LoQ) calculated as defined by Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) regulations similar to existing for urons or as a minimum

better than LoQ of 30% of PCV by either direct injection or via use of incorporated online enrichment for potable and surface water samples using a maximum sample volume of 5ml. Use triple quadruple technology.

- Second system (yr 3) is for the analysis of pesticides with same performance requirements as above
- Include automated online pre-concentration which is able to process up to 5ml sample
- Autosampler capacity ca 100 place
- Chromatographic integration software capable of CSV or similar format output

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Inductively coupled plasma / Mass Spectrometry (ICP MS & OES)

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

- System capable of achieving drinking water (DW) analysis as defined by Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) regulations of final and surface waters for a range of metals including: Cr, Ni, Ag, Cu, Zn, Pb, Cd & Hg.
- Achieve limits of quantification calculated as defined by Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) regulations similar to existing methods or as a minimum better than LoQ of 30% of PCV
- Autosampler capacity ca 150 place
- software capable of CSV or similar format output

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Flowcytometry

Lot No

4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

- Flow cytometer benchtop cell-analysers capable of fast flow rates.
- Able to auto sample from 96 well plates or equivalent.
- Must feature acoustic hydrodynamic focussing.
- Equipped with a minimum of one laser at wavelength 488nm.
- Fluorescence resolution performance capability of CV

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

## **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Ancillary laboratory equipment

Lot No

5

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

MICROBIOLOGY INCUBATORS

Required for the controlled incubation of microbiology culture samples.

#### AUTOCLAVES

- Temp range up to 135.0°C, typically operate at 121.0°C.

#### BOILING BATHS

- Must be able to maintain a rolling boil.
- Safety features such as long handles and lids are critical.
- Typical volume - 30L.
- Easy drainage to clean.

#### GLASSWASHERS

- Laboratory grade e.g. Miele. Domestic dishwashers are unsuitable.
- Must be able to run a 60°C cycle for taste and odour glassware.
- Requirement to accept an external deionised water feed may be required for a final rinse stage.
- Ideally will have a Manufacturer's option of being raised for ergonomic loading and unloading.

#### 47MM MAGNETIC FILTERS FUNNELS

- Fully compatible with Cytiva (formally Pall) manifold system.
- Magnetic Seal to allow easy, one-handed vacuum filtration of liquids.
- 7.6cm diameter.
- Polyphenylsulfone construction.
- Graduated 50mL increments.
- Nonsterile.
- Fully Autoclavable.

- #8 stopper with proper bore hole size included.
- Approximately 10 per annum 150mL funnel capacity (Cytiva 4247 or equivalent).
- Approximately 5 per annum 300mL funnel capacity (Cytiva 4242 or equivalent).

#### LABORATORY FRIDGE & FREEZERS

- Laboratory grade.

#### OVENS

- Laboratory grade.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

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This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.6) Deposits and guarantees required**

If the Dun and Bradstreet credit rating returns a rating of 'above average risk' or 'high risk', the contracting entity will request further financial information for review and a parent company guarantee may be required

#### **III.1.7) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

Please see the terms and conditions in the Procurement Documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 8

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

21 March 2025

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 21 March 2026

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.3) Additional information

Applicants are asked to note that this procurement process will be conducted electronically with all documents and communication being managed through the Northumbrian Water e-Sourcing Spend Management portal called 'Ariba'.

Expressions of interest from this notice must be sent to the e-mail address [lewis.timmins@nwl.co.uk](mailto:lewis.timmins@nwl.co.uk) before the deadline date of the 14th March 2025 at 13:00hrs.

Once expression of interest has been received that contains the details below, applicants will be given access to the Ariba portal within 48 hours from request. This portal will contain all the tender documents associated with this procurement that are available at the time. An email link will also be provided to the email address you provide to access the portal. The deadline for return of the completed RFP is the 21st March 2025 at 13:00.

When sending expression of interest, applicants must provide the following information:

1) Full company name

2) Main contact details of the person who will be given access to the Ariba portal - Name, job title, E mail address and telephone number

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

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Country

United Kingdom