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Tender

## **Supply of permanent nutrient neutrality mitigation in Cumbria via upgrades to septic tanks**

Westmorland and Furness Council

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKD12 - East Cumbria

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

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

[www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Supply of permanent nutrient neutrality mitigation in Cumbria via upgrades to septic tanks

Reference number

DN764440

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

- 45330000 - Plumbing and sanitary works

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

Works

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

Westmorland and Furness Council, together with Cumberland Council and the Lake District National Park, established the Nutrient Neutrality North West partnership to drive a Cumbria-wide approach to addressing nutrient neutrality in the four affected catchments (River Derwent and Bassenthwaite Lake SAC, River Eden SAC, River Kent SAC and Esthwaite Water Ramsar). Two of the main aims are to identify and promote delivery of practical mitigation options in the catchments to unlock new housing developments and establish a process to offer mitigation options through nutrient credit trading. Following the award of a significant grant under the Government's Local Nutrient Mitigation Fund (LNMF), the council is now seeking to procure suitably qualified and experienced contractors to support the delivery of nutrient (phosphorous) credits through a programme of upgrading private septic tanks across the four catchments, which can then be traded through a credit scheme to be launched in the second half of 2025.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £10,500,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKD12 - East Cumbria

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

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**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Cost criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £10,500,000

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

Duration in months

36

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.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

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

Date

24 March 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

24 March 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Suppliers wishing to express an interest and obtain access to the tender documents should go to [www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk) and click on current opportunities from the navigation area on the left of the screen. On the next screen enter the contract Reference (DN764440) in the box labelled 'contains' then click search. Click on the blue link for the contract title to view the opportunity. To express an interest you will need to login. if you are not already registered on the [www.the-chest.org.uk](http://www.the-chest.org.uk) you will need to return to the home page and click on Register. Register FREE link in the navigation area on the left of the screen. Registration is free of charge and your username and password will be emailed to you.

Westmorland and Furness Council is fully supportive of all aspects of diversity including ethnicity, race, religion, age, disability and sexual orientation. In this respect Westmorland and Furness Council welcomes expressions of interest from ethnic minority, disabled and other diverse business communities and the voluntary sector. Economic operators are therefore required to fully comply with all statutory obligations/applicable legislation and there will be a requirement to participate in the Authority's supplier audits on all aspects of diversity.

The Contracting Authority expressly reserves the right:

(i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and

(ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering

competition; and in no circumstances will the Contracting Authority be liable for any costs

incurred by the candidates. If the Contracting Authority decides to enter into a Contract with the successful supplier, this does not mean that there is any guarantee of subsequent contracts being awarded. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of potential suppliers.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom