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Tender

LIFE R4ever Kent Project (LIFE20 NAT/UK/001001013) - River Kent SSSI Condition Monitoring - White-clawed Crayfish

Natural England

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Scope

Reference

WCCLR4eK

Description

The LIFE R4ever Kent project (2021 -2026) aims restore and revitalise the River Kent Special Area of Conservation (SAC) in South Cumbria and its wider catchment, so it is more resilient to environmental pressures. This unique river, located on the fringes of the English Lake District is home to internationally important populations of bullhead, white-clawed crayfish, freshwater pearl mussel and water crowfoot (*Ranunculus*) habitat. A contractor is required to carry out a Common Standards Monitoring (CSM) compliant assessment for White-clawed crayfish, *Austropotamobius pallipes*, to be used by Natural England to undertake a Whole Feature Assessment of this monitored feature as well as a SSSI Unit condition assessment for the relevant units. This is a deliverable required for the LIFE funded project.

Whilst previous survey work for the white-clawed crayfish has been undertaken within the River Kent catchment there has never been a co-ordinated, catchment-wide, CSM-compliant survey to inform a SSSI condition assessment of this feature.

Total value (estimated)

- £29,166 excluding VAT
- £35,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 6 April 2026 to 31 December 2026
- 8 months, 25 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 90711300 - Environmental indicators analysis other than for construction

Contract locations

- UKD - North West (England)
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Submission

Enquiry deadline

20 February 2026, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

27 February 2026, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

To apply for this opportunity you must submit your quotation meeting the requirements detailed in the Request for Quotation (RFQ) attached.

Your response must be sent to morgan.barrie@naturalengland.org.uk by 17:00 on 27/02/2026.

If you have any clarification questions linked to this opportunity or the procurement process please submit these via email to morgan.barrie@naturalengland.org.uk. Please note that, unless commercially sensitive, both the question and the response will be circulated to all tenderers.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

No

Award criteria

See attachments

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Documents

Associated tender documents

[River Kent SSSI - White Clawed Crayfish SSSI Condition Monitoring RfQ - Final.docx](#)

RFQ

[NE_Commercial Response basic 2.pdf](#)

Commercial response template

[R4Ever Kent WCC Survey- order form.docx](#)

Order form

Contracting authority

Natural England

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government