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Award

Collection and Transportation of Water and Wastewater Samples

NORTHERN IRELAND WATER LIMITED

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Scope

Reference

T146 Collection and Transportation of Water and Wastewater Samples

Description

This Contract is for the following services: - • Sampling of water, waste water and Cryptosporidium filters from locations throughout Northern Ireland • Subsequent transportation of the samples to a specified NI Water laboratory (Gelvin Grange, Altnagelvin, Co. Londonderry or Westland House, Old Westland Road, Belfast) for analysis.

Contract 1

Supplier

- RPS ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Contract value

- £25,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

2 February 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

2 February 2026

Standstill period

- End: 11 February 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

12 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029
- Possible extension to 30 June 2033
- 7 years

Description of possible extension:

There is the option to avail of extensions for 2+1+1 years

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The Client reserves the right to procure any other services associated with Sampling and Transportation of Water and Wastewater samples services within the scope of the Contract.

The anticipated contract value is £18,000,000. The anticipated range is from £15,000,000 to £21,000,000 (exc VAT), this takes into account such changes to demand and scale which may result from future operational requirements.

CPV classifications

- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 72316000 - Data analysis services
- 79723000 - Waste analysis services
- 85111820 - Bacteriological analysis services

- 90733000 - Services related to water pollution

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Information about tenders

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

Unsuccessful suppliers

- [BIO - SEARCH \(N.I.\) LTD](#)

Submission

Submission type

Requests to participate

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Suppliers

BIO - SEARCH (N.I.) LTD

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRZR-2332-YRDN

Dufferin Road

Belfast

BT3 9AA

United Kingdom

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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- Companies House: 01756175
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQZW-6836-RPDR

101 Park Drive

Abingdon

OX14 4RY

United Kingdom

Email: RPS.servicesbids@rps.tetratech.com

Website: <https://www.rpsgroup.com/>

Region: UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

NORTHERN IRELAND WATER LIMITED

- Companies House: NI054463

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCZH-7295-JJTZ

Westland House

Belfast

BT14 6TE

United Kingdom

Email: sourcing@niwater.com

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland