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Planning

Market Engagement - Site Inspections (Quadruped Robotics)

UNITED UTILITIES WATER LIMITED

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Scope

Description

United Utilities operates a large and geographically dispersed portfolio of operational sites across North-West England, including water treatment works, wastewater treatment works, pumping stations, service reservoirs, and associated infrastructure.

These sites require regular inspections to assess:

- General site condition and housekeeping
- Asset health and condition
- Compliance with health, safety, and environmental requirements
- Security and access integrity
- Verification that assets, controls, and equipment are in the correct condition and location

Currently, inspections are largely carried out by site-based staff and contractors. While effective, this approach can be resource-intensive, exposes staff to operational hazards, and may result in variability in inspection quality, coverage, and data consistency.

United Utilities is therefore exploring the potential use of robotic inspection solutions, including autonomous quadruped robots, to support or undertake routine and repeatable site inspections and enhance data quality, safety, and operational resilience.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 1 September 2027
- 1 year, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71315400 - Building-inspection services
- 71631100 - Machinery-inspection services
- 71631300 - Technical building-inspection services

Contract locations

- UKD - North West (England)

Engagement

Engagement deadline

3 March 2026

Engagement process description

Contact via email at Harry.east@uuplc.co.uk to register interest and you shall be provided a copy of the question set for completion.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Contracting authority

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