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Tender

Archaeological Services

SEVERN TRENT WATER LIMITED
HAFREN DYFRDWY CYFYNGEDIG

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Scope

Description

This framework will provide archaeological and heritage services to support The Utilities projects. Suppliers will deliver assessments, surveys, investigations, fieldwork, reporting, and any specialist services needed to meet planning, regulatory, and project requirements.

Services may include desk-based assessments, field evaluations, watching briefs, excavation, specialist analysis, reporting, post-excavation works, and the preparation of documentation required for planning submissions and regulatory compliance.

Suppliers must work to relevant professional standards and ensure all recommendations and outputs are necessary, proportionate, and appropriate to the project.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £4,000,000 excluding VAT
- £4,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 1 June 2029
- Possible extension to 1 June 2036
- 10 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Extension options up to a total of 84 months (7 years)

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71351914 - Archaeological services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

- UKF - East Midlands (England)
 - UKG - West Midlands (England)
 - UKH - East of England
 - UKI - London
 - UKJ - South East (England)
 - UKK - South West (England)
 - UKL - Wales
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Lot 1. Desk Based Assessments

Description

Lot 1 covers early stage archaeological and heritage work, including desk based assessments, walkover surveys, heritage statements, written schemes of investigation, and project design documents. Suppliers will identify potential archaeological constraints, assess risks to the project, and provide recommendations for any fieldwork or further investigation that may be required.

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,200,000 excluding VAT
- £1,440,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Field Based Assessments

Description

Lot 2 covers intrusive and non-intrusive archaeological fieldwork delivered during the construction phase under CDM requirements. This includes evaluations, trenching, watching briefs, excavations, monitoring, and associated post-excavation analysis and reporting. Suppliers must operate in accordance with CDM duties, ensuring safe site practices, competent supervision, risk assessments, method statements, and compliance with all planning and regulatory obligations.

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,800,000 excluding VAT
- £3,360,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Work under this framework will be allocated based on supplier availability, geographical location, performance, and where required-competitive quotations.

Where quotes are required, award will be based primarily on price, supported by availability, location, and past performance, and subject to higher-value project requirements.

All call-offs will be issued through a digital service order, followed by a purchase order from Severn Trent Water.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Desk Based Assessments

Lot 2. Field Based Assessments

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

23 February 2026, 12:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

2 March 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://portal.us.bn.cloud.ariba.com/dashboard/public/appext/comsapsbncdiscoveryui#/RfxEvent/preview/1110004367?anId=ANONYMOUS>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 June 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 June 2036

Award criteria

| Name | Type | Weighting |
|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Technical | Quality | 50% |
| Price | Price | 50% |

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Competitive flexible procedure description

Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) Stage

Interested suppliers will complete a PQQ to demonstrate capability, experience, and compliance with minimum requirements.

Evaluation will be based on pass/fail criteria and qualitative responses where applicable.

A shortlist of successful suppliers will be invited to the next stage.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Stage

Shortlisted suppliers will receive the full scope, pricing schedule, and evaluation criteria.

Suppliers will submit detailed proposals including technical approach, pricing, and risk management documentation (e.g., RAMS).

Initial evaluation will be conducted against published award criteria.

Negotiation and Refinement

Following initial evaluation, The Utility may enter into negotiations with suppliers to clarify proposals, refine technical solutions, and address any outstanding questions.

Final Tender Submission

Suppliers will submit a best and final offer (BAFO) incorporating any negotiated refinements.

Final evaluation will be conducted using the agreed award criteria.

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://portal.us.bn.cloud.ariba.com/dashboard/public/appext/comsapsbncdisccoveryui#/RfxEvent/preview/1110004367?anId=ANONYMOUS>

Please follow the provided link to the SAP Ariba platform

Technical specifications to be met

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Technical Specifications are provided within the ariba event

Contracting authorities

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Organisation type: Private utility

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Organisation type: Private utility

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales

Contact organisation

Contact SEVERN TRENT WATER LIMITED for any enquiries.