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Tender

LIFE R4ever Kent Project (LIFE20 NAT/UK/001001013) - eDNA monitoring for freshwater invertebrate species

Natural England

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Scope

Reference

eDNALRKeK

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 key deliverable of the project is to trial new monitoring techniques by implementing the use of environmental DNA (eDNA) sampling for testing for the presence of Freshwater Pearl Mussels, White-clawed Crayfish along with invasive Signal Crayfish and associated disease Crayfish Plague.

There are three parts to this contract:

- The provision of eDNA water sampling equipment/kits and protocols
- DNA extraction, analysis of samples taken and reporting the result
- Sequencing of qPCR products

Natural England will be responsible for the collection of water samples from sites across the River Kent Catchment.

Total value (estimated)

- £45,833 excluding VAT
- £55,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 14 April 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 30 September 2026
- 1 year, 5 months, 17 days

Description of possible extension:

6 months as per standard contract

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 90711300 - Environmental indicators analysis other than for construction

Contract locations

- UKD - North West (England)

Participation

This procurement is reserved for

UK suppliers

Submission

Enquiry deadline

26 March 2025, 4:00pm

Tender submission deadline

2 April 2025, 4:00pm

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 rebecca.lowe@naturalengland.org.uk by 16:00 on 02/04/25.

If you have any clarification questions linked to this opportunity or the procurement process please submit these via email to rebecca.lowe@naturalengland.org.uk by 16:00 on 26/03/25. 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

Full details outlined in the RFQ.

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Documents

Associated tender documents

[LR4EK eDNA Request For Quotation \(Project template\) final.docx](#)

RFQ

[Order Form NE Standard Goods & Services Terms and Conditions edna 2025.docx](#)

Contract Draft

[LIT 63284 - Guided Buying Commercial Response Basic.docx](#)

Commercial Response

Contracting authority

Natural England

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJDG-6588-XDMM

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