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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)

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## **Participation**

### **This procurement is reserved for**

UK suppliers

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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## **Award criteria**

Full details outlined in the RFQ.

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Below threshold - open competition

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## **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

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Natural England**

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