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Planning

Environmental Science Research, Development and Evidence (ES RDE) Framework

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Scope

Description

Environmental Science Research, Development and Evidence (ES RDE) Framework This is the second iteration of the RDE Framework. This notice follows on from: Research, Development & Evidence (RDE) framework, following the release of the Prior Information Notice (PIN) - (Research, Development and Evidence (RDE) Framework Renewal - Find a Tender) under the prior regulations (PCR32). Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-001205

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £192,000,000 excluding VAT
- £230,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 February 2026 to 31 January 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

We anticipate the following 10 Lots / 34 Sublots; 1.1 - Supporting a resilient and secure food system? 1.2 - Innovation, Equitable Growth, and Productivity in the Food System 1.3 - Safety and Confidence in food? 1.4 - Supporting a sustainable and healthy agri-food chain? 1.5 - Services supporting Agri-Food Chain Analysis 2.1 - Crop performance and protection services? 2.2 - Livestock performance services? 2.3 - Agronomy, nutrient management and sustainable system services? 2.4 - Modelling toolkits, informatics and comparative life cycle assessment services? 3.1 - Air quality analysis and expert services? 3.2 - Air quality monitoring management, equipment and data for UK Networks

3.3 - Air quality Monitoring and Data - Project 3.4 - Modelling tools for air quality studies? 3.5 - Air quality economics and socio-economic? 3.6 - Acquisition and analysis of information for acoustics 3.7 - Understanding and interpretation of information for acoustics 4.1 - Soil and Vegetation 5.1 - Evidence reviews for water quality, water resources & flood and coastal erosion risk management?, drinking water quality 5.2 - R&D for water quality, water resources and coastal erosion risk management ?and drinking water quality 6.1 - Clean & Safe Seas ? 6.2 - Healthy & biologically diverse seas ? 6.3 - Productive seas & freshwater systems? 6.4 - Ocean climate science & international engagement? 6.5 - Society & the sea? 7.1 - Waste & waste management ? 7.2 - Circular Economy, Material resource efficiency and Sustainable Consumption 8.1 - Plant Health Natural Sciences Research & Evidence? 8.2 - Animal Health Research and Evidence 8.3 - Animal Welfare Research and Evidence 8.4 - Forestry Research and Evidence 9.1 - Nature and climate analysis 9.2 - People, finance and health 9.3 - Food systems and global trade 10.1 - Chemical Research

Lot 1. Food? Science

Description

1.1 - Supporting a resilient and secure food system? 1.2 - Innovation, Equitable Growth, and Productivity in the Food System 1.3 - Safety and Confidence in food? 1.4 - Supporting a sustainable and healthy agri-food chain? 1.5 - Services supporting Agri-Food Chain Analysis

Lot value (estimated)

- £3,070,952 excluding VAT
- £3,685,143 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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

Lot 2 (was a2XTu000000WIDWMA0). Farming

Description

2.1 - Crop performance and protection services? 2.2 - Livestock performance services?
2.3 - Agronomy, nutrient management and sustainable system services? 2.4 - Modelling toolkits, informatics and comparative life cycle assessment services?

Lot value (estimated)

- £40,196,438 excluding VAT
- £48,235,725 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 3 (was a2XTu000000WILZMA0). Air Quality & Noise

Description

3.1 - Air quality analysis and expert services? 3.2 - Air quality monitoring management,

equipment and data for UK Networks 3.3 - Air quality Monitoring and Data - Project 3.4 - Modelling tools for air quality studies? 3.5 - Air quality economics and socio-economic? 3.6 - Acquisition and analysis of information for acoustics 3.7 - Understanding and interpretation of information for acoustics

Lot value (estimated)

- £21,098,221 excluding VAT
- £25,317,865 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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

Lot 4 (was a2XTu000000WINBMA0). Soil and Vegetation

Description

4.1 - Soil and Vegetation

Lot value (estimated)

- £30,647,331 excluding VAT
- £36,776,797 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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

Lot 5 (was a2XTu000000WIQPMA0). Flood & Water

Description

5.1 - Evidence reviews for water quality, water resources & flood and coastal erosion risk management?, drinking water quality 5.2 - R&D for water quality, water resources and coastal erosion risk management ?and drinking water quality

Lot value (estimated)

- £30,647,332 excluding VAT
- £36,776,798 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 6 (was a2XTu000000WIS1MAK). Marine & Fisheries?

Description

6.1 - Clean & Safe Seas ? 6.2 - Healthy & biologically diverse seas ? 6.3 - Productive seas & freshwater systems? 6.4 - Ocean climate science & international engagement? 6.5

- Society & the sea?

Lot value (estimated)

- £21,098,224 excluding VAT
- £25,317,869 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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

Lot 7 (was a2XTu000000WITdMAK). Resource & Waste?

Description

7.1 - Waste & waste management ? 7.2 - Circular Economy, Material resource efficiency and Sustainable Consumption

Lot value (estimated)

- £16,323,670 excluding VAT
- £19,588,404 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 8 (was a2XTu000000WIVFMA0). Animal, Plant and Forestry Research

Description

8.1 - Plant Health Natural Sciences Research & Evidence? 8.2 - Animal Health Research and Evidence 8.3 - Animal Welfare Research and Evidence 8.4 - Forestry Research and Evidence

Lot value (estimated)

- £5,819,652 excluding VAT
- £6,983,582 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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

Lot 9 (was a2XTu000000WIWrMAK). Biodiversity; International and Domestic

Description

9.1 - Nature and climate analysis 9.2 - People, finance and health 9.3 - Food systems and global trade

Lot value (estimated)

- £11,549,118 excluding VAT
- £13,858,941 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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

Lot 10 (was a2XTu000000WIYTMA0). Chemicals

Description

10.1 Chemical Research

Lot value (estimated)

- £11,549,119 excluding VAT
- £13,858,943 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

1 February 2034

Maximum number of suppliers

272

Framework operation description

This framework is for procuring environmental science research services.

Award method when using the framework

With competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- Environment Agency
- Animal and Plant Health Agency
- Natural England
- Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture Science
- Marine Management Organisation

It is also anticipated this framework may be open to the following organisations;

- Drinking Water Inspectorate
- Department for Science Innovation and Technology (DSIT)
- Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (DBEIS)
- DESNZ / BEIS

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Food? Science

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Lot 4 (was a2XTu000000WINBMA0). Soil and Vegetation

Lot 5 (was a2XTu000000WIQPMA0). Flood & Water

Lot 6 (was a2XTu000000WIS1MAK). Marine & Fisheries?

Lot 7 (was a2XTu000000WITdMAK). Resource & Waste?

Lot 8 (was a2XTu000000WIVFMA0). Animal, Plant and Forestry Research

Lot 9 (was a2XTu000000WIWrMAK). Biodiversity; International and Domestic

Lot 10 (was a2XTu000000WIYTMA0). Chemicals

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

14 April 2025

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

9 June 2025, 11:59pm

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

26 September 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical	Technical / Quality response	Quality	45.00%
Commercial	Commercial	Price	40.00%
Sustainability (Including Social Value)	Sustainability (Including Social Value)	Quality	15.00%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

It is anticipated that this procurement will include the following stages. Conditions of Participation Evaluation Please note we reserve the right to request a Best and Final Offer (BAFO).

Contracting authority

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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