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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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### **Changes to notice**

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Amended the Framework Award Method to "Either with or without competition"

### **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

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## 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.

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## **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**

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## **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**

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## **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**

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## **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**



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## **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.

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## **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**

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## **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**

Either with or without 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

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

**Lot 1. Food? Science**

**Lot 2 (was a2XTu000000WIDWMA0). Farming**

**Lot 3 (was a2XTu000000WILZMA0). Air Quality & Noise**

**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)
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## **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

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## **Award criteria**

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

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## Other information

### Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

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## 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).

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## Contracting authority

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

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