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Planning

## **Preliminary Market Engagement - Aquatic drones**

UNITED UTILITIES WATER LIMITED

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

The project will evaluate and recommend drone-based solutions (aquatic, aerial, or hybrid) that improve the safety, speed, and effectiveness of reactive water quality sampling, and assess how such technologies could enhance pollution detection, tracking, and attribution-supporting capabilities for wastewater-related pollution incidents in rivers and lakes. The solution must integrate with and complement United Utilities' existing monitoring infrastructure and data systems and address key operational challenges.

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 September 2026 to 1 September 2027
- 1 year, 1 day

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 90733100 - Surface water pollution monitoring or control services
- 90733700 - Groundwater pollution monitoring or control services

## **Contract locations**

- UKD - North West (England)

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

10 March 2026

### **Engagement process description**

Please email [Harry.east@uuplc.co.uk](mailto:Harry.east@uuplc.co.uk) to register your interest and a copy of the question set will be shared.

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## **Participation**

## Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## Procedure

## Special regime

Utilities

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## Contracting authority

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