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## Thames Water Laboratory Market Engagement

THAMES WATER UTILITIES LIMITED

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### Section I: Contracting entity

#### I.1) Name and addresses

THAMES WATER UTILITIES LIMITED

Reading

RG18DB

#### Contact

Thames Water

#### Email

[procurement.supportcentre@thameswater.co.uk](mailto:procurement.supportcentre@thameswater.co.uk)

#### Country

United Kingdom

#### Region code

UKJ11 - Berkshire

**Companies House**

02366661

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.thameswater.co.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/about-us/our-suppliers/procurement>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.6) Main activity**

Water

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Thames Water Laboratory Market Engagement

Reference number

FA2161

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 45214610 - Laboratory building construction work

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Works

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The laboratory at Thames Water is critical for meeting our regulatory and operational requirements. It encompasses a wide range of activities, including the provision of assurance for the services we deliver to our customers, the community and the environment, all while maintaining UKAS accreditation.

The Thames Water laboratory analyses over half a million samples and generates almost three million results per annum.

The current laboratory facility is approaching the end of its service life and Thames Water are considering a replacement within the next asset management period (AMP), which spans 2025-2030. Combined with a growing demand for laboratory services, operational insights and regulatory requirements there is a generational opportunity to establish a centre of excellence for a future laboratory capability, integrating cutting-edge systems, skilled personnel, and streamlined processes. This initiative aims to fortify our operational resilience, enhance efficiency, and sustain the delivery of life's essential service.

Thames Water is currently considering a range of options for the delivery of a new capability. These range from full ownership and operational responsibilities, to leasing and operating a facility. At present, Thames Water does not envisage a fully outsourced model but are open to understand what opportunities exist across the spectrum of potential delivery models.

This Market Engagement is to help inform options for supply chain delivery of services to

deliver a new laboratory capability for Thames Water.

Please see Section VI.3 Additional Information for access to the supplier information pack and process for submitting your responses through IASTA Smartsource.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

Whole of the Thames Water Region

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The PIN notice is related to market engagement, please see additional information section for further details.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

21 October 2024

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest**

Date

10 May 2024

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

We would like to thank you in advance for participating in this market engagement process.

This survey is open to any organisation that wishes to respond.

Thames Water will endeavor but does not undertake to review all of the responses received, either fully or at all. Where Thames Water considers that it is necessary or otherwise appropriate to seek to clarify any aspect of a response, it may contact the entity which has submitted the relevant response accordingly.

The information set out in the supplier information pack (available through IASTA Smartsources, details below) is not exhaustive and has been prepared by Thames Water to provide the market with relevant background information and an overview of some of Thames Water's anticipated requirements. Thames Water accepts no liability or responsibility to any person (including a legal person) as a consequence of relying on the information set out in these slides.

This survey is a standalone exercise intended to gather information and it does not form part of any formal procurement process.

Thames Water may use any responses to this survey to inform any potential future Laboratory procurement processes. You must only submit ideas and recommendations on the understanding that they will not be treated as confidential information, as they may be used as part of our requirements of all bidders in a future procurement. At the same time, Thames Water reserves the right not to conduct any laboratory procurement process. In the event that Thames Water decide to conduct any laboratory procurement process, this survey does not commit Thames Water to any particular timeline, process, scope or value of procurement. If Thames Water carry out an Laboratory procurement process, any responses to this survey will not be considered as part of any pre-qualification or tender stage.

Your participation or non-participation in this market engagement will not automatically include or exclude you from any future Laboratory procurement processes.

#### IASTA Access

The supplier information pack and ability to upload a response will be hosted on a platform called IASTA Smartsources. All suppliers who wish to respond to this PIN notice must request access to IASTA Smartsources by using the web link as shown here - [www.thameswater.co.uk/procurement](http://www.thameswater.co.uk/procurement). Thames Water's Procurement Support Centre will subsequently send you an email providing login details.