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Award

Deep Geothermal Drilling Works

University of York

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Scope

Reference

UY PROC 1195

Description

In 2025 the University of York ("the Authority") launched an exciting deep geothermal energy project as a transformative step in its journey to Net Zero. The project aims to cut our fossil fuel consumption by 78% as part of our Sustainability Plan 2030 targets and making a substantial contribution to reducing the City of York's overall carbon footprint.

This multi-phased initiative will leverage the Earth's natural heat to provide sustainable energy solutions for our campus and potentially the wider community. The project positions the University of York, City and region as a leader in sustainable energy innovation, combining geothermal exploration with our renowned research and educational expertise.

Further details regarding the project can be found on the university website here <https://www.york.ac.uk/about/sustainability/campus-operations/climate-action/geothermalenergy/>

The Authority has conducted a tender process to appoint a contractor to deliver a deep geothermal doublet system consisting of a production well of more than 4km, and an injector well of more than 3km, with the aim of extracting geothermal heat to supply the Authority's campus district heat network, thereby removing the need for CHP units in an effort to meet the university's net zero goals. This phase of the project was awarded funding from the government's Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme in April 2025.

The tender process has concluded, and a successful contractor selected to fully deliver the project, which shall involve the drilling and all associated activities.

The project shall be delivered by the Authority and York University Energy Supply Company (YUESCo) which is the Authority's wholly owned subsidiary company responsible for the Authority's on-campus energy production and distribution.

The Authority has sufficient funding in place to deliver the project, and is actively seeking additional funding (both internal and external) to potentially deliver a subsequent production well for research or other use. For clarity, the estimated total value stated in this notice is an estimate of maximum value covered by secured grant funds to deliver the initial two well project and ancillary projects (circ £20,000,000 exVAT), and also an estimated value to deliver a subsequent third well should the Authority secure additional funds (circ £15,000,000 exVAT).

Contract 1. Deep Geothermal Drilling Works

Supplier

- P R MARRIOTT DRILLING LIMITED

Contract value

- £35,000,000 excluding VAT

- £42,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

17 February 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

17 February 2026

Standstill period

- End: 26 February 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

27 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 27 February 2026 to 31 December 2027
- Possible extension to 31 January 2028
- 1 year, 11 months, 2 days

Description of possible extension:

The University requires drilling activity for the production and injector wells to be

completed by the 31st December 2027. The University is actively seeking additional funding to drill an additional production well for research or other purposes and wishes to have a contractual option available to extend the agreement with the successful contractor on mutual agreement to drill an additional production well (estimated additional 12 month period through to 31st December 2028).

Main procurement category

Works

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

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CPV classifications

- 24951110 - Drilling mud
- 34514300 - Platforms drilling rigs
- 43132200 - Drilling rig
- 43132300 - Drills
- 43136000 - Downhole equipment
- 43611000 - Parts for well-drilling machinery
- 45000000 - Construction work
- 71320000 - Engineering design services
- 71331000 - Drilling-mud engineering services

- 71332000 - Geotechnical engineering services
- 71333000 - Mechanical engineering services
- 71351000 - Geological, geophysical and other scientific prospecting services
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services
- 76211200 - Mudlogging services
- 76300000 - Drilling services
- 76410000 - Well-casing and tubing services
- 76420000 - Well-cementing services
- 76450000 - Well-management services
- 76460000 - Well-support services
- 76470000 - Well-testing services
- 76480000 - Tubing services
- 76490000 - Well-completion services
- 76500000 - Onshore and offshore services

Contract locations

- UKE21 - York

Information about tenders

- 4 tenders received
- 4 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 3 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 3 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Unsuccessful suppliers

- [CONSORTIUM DRILLING LIMITED](#)
 - [STAR ENERGY GROUP PLC](#)
 - [Jardboranir hf](#)
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Submission

Submission type

Requests to participate

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Suppliers

CONSORTIUM DRILLING LIMITED

- Companies House: 13475714
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZHY-3246-BQWR

5 Westbrook Court

Sheffield

S11 8YZ

United Kingdom

Website: <http://www.consortiumdrilling.com>

Region: UKE32 - Sheffield

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Jarðboranir hf

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PCCQ-5243-DNBT

Dalshraun 1b,

Hafnarfjordur

220

Iceland

Website: <http://www.jarðboranir.is>

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

P R MARRIOTT DRILLING LIMITED

- Companies House: 02592487
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGGZ-7621-XMMQ

Spring Water House Old Pit Lane

Chesterfield

S45 9BQ

United Kingdom

Email: commercial@marriottdrilling.com

Website: <https://www.marriottdrilling.com>

Region: UKF12 - East Derbyshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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STAR ENERGY GROUP PLC

- Companies House: 04981279

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLPT-1179-WVTY

Welton Gathering Centre, Barfield Lane Off Wragby Road

Lincoln

LN2 2QX

United Kingdom

Website: <https://www.starenergygroupplc.com/>

Region: UKF30 - Lincolnshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contracting authority

University of York

- UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number): 10007167
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRDQ-5539-WTHX

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government