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Award

Domestic Combustion Tracking and Evaluation

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Scope

Reference

C30822

Description

Defra is seeking to commission a multi-year research programme to strengthen the evidence base around solid fuel burning across the UK, with a focus on domestic settings. The contract is expected to run from March 2026 until 28th February 2030 with the possibility of a one (1) year extension (which is not guaranteed), and is structured around four interlinked work packages. Previous research, similar in nature, can be found here;

<https://sciencesearch.defra.gov.uk/ProjectDetails?ProjectId=20159>

<https://sciencesearch.defra.gov.uk/ProjectDetails?ProjectId=21104>

This work is essential for informing trends in emissions from domestic burning, both indoors and outdoors and will support better policy and intervention development.

Contract 1. Domestic Combustion Tracking and Evaluation 2026

Supplier

- IPSOS (MARKET RESEARCH) LTD

Contract value

- £1,640,686.53 excluding VAT
- £1,968,823.83 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

19 February 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

19 February 2026

Standstill period

- End: 2 March 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

6 March 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 9 March 2026 to 8 March 2030
- Possible extension to 8 February 2031
- 4 years, 11 months

Description of possible extension:

1 x 12 month extension

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Rapid Evidence Assessment (REA) option if required

CPV classifications

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Information about tenders

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Submission

Submission type

Tenders

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Supplier

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Website: <https://www.ipsos.com/en-uk>

Region: UKI42 - Tower Hamlets

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: Yes

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBD-3289-CDGX

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Website: <https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government