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Planning

University of York - 5Km Geothermal Drilling Project (Preliminary Market Engagement)

University of York

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Scope

Reference

UY PROC 1195

Description

Preliminary Market Engagement (PME):

The University of York is seeking to develop a deep geothermal doublet system to supply heat to the campus district heat network with funding from the government's Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme. To do this the University needs to appoint a drilling contractor capable of drilling the 5km shafts within the University's timeframe. Further details of the requirements can be found within the PME Questionnaire available to download from the In-Tend.

Market engagement through the completion of this PME questionnaire is sought to determine the availability of drilling contractors within the project programme as well as establish a dialogue with industry professionals to enable project optimisation. The

University of York has issued this market engagement questionnaire to seek feedback from the deep onshore drilling market to help it to shape its strategy prior to advertising its tender to secure a drilling rig to deliver its geothermal project requirements.

The aim of this Preliminary Market Engagement (PME) is two fold, firstly to notify the market of the University's requirements, and for the University to obtain detailed feedback from drilling contractors who are capable of delivering the drilling requirements to the University.

Total value (estimated)

- £16,000,000 excluding VAT
- £19,000,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2026 to 31 December 2027
- 1 year, 3 months

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45120000 - Test drilling and boring work
 - 45255500 - Drilling and exploration work
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

24 May 2025

Engagement process description

Engagement questionnaire responses are invited and are to be submitted by the end of Friday 23rd May 2025.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

2 July 2025

Contracting authority

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