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Planning

Borehole Framework

Mining Remediation Authority

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Scope

Description

All details presented here are estimates and subject to change prior to launch. This is an advance notice and not a call to Tender at this time.

The Mining Remediation Authorities mine water monitoring network provides insights into legacy mining risks and opportunities, including:

Aquifer protection

Environmental protection from interactions between mine water and surface or underground water

Subsidence risks

Mine gas migration

Opportunities for mine water heat use

Mine water heat licensing and assurance

Future emerging opportunities and risks

Boreholes form part of our groundwater and mine water monitoring network and are critical in the assessment and management of legacy mining risks. Our monitoring allows us to identify, assess and quantify risks and to develop interventions that protect water resources and the natural environment. As a secondary benefit, we can also monitor the mine water heat at these points and add this to our heat map portfolio for future potential opportunities in this area.

Over the coming years the Mining Remediation Authority will drill boreholes across the UK to support the remediation and management of rising and recovered mine water in underground coal workings. Boreholes and pumping tests are required to allow monitoring and mine water control. The activities are time critical to allow mitigations to be implemented before impacts occur, preventing pollution incidents.

Our boreholes support:

- targeting deep underground mine workings

- the assessment of water levels and chemistry

- being a key component of our monitoring network

- filling in knowledge gaps in areas where mineshafts and other monitoring options have been decommissioned or abandoned

- assessing underground water systems, their behaviours, relationships, and to develop and operate effective management interventions.

Borehole testing enhances:

- our understanding of system characteristics

- information on the extent of influence

- the assessment of the likely effectiveness or suitability of proposed management; and

- the long-term management through abstraction of mine water

The Mining Remediation Authority is intending to come to market in Summer 2025 to seek suitably qualified Contractors who can aid in the delivery of our expanding Borehole programme.

We have identified the work streams we require and these are represented by the five Lots detailed further in this notice. Our intention being to maximise value for money as well as providing opportunity to as many SME as possible.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £37,000,000 excluding VAT
- £46,250,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Works

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)

- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales
- UKM - Scotland

Not the same for all lots

CPV classifications are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

Lot 1. Drilling and Borehole Construction

Description

Typical works required under this Lot will include but may not be limited to :

Drilling of mine water monitoring and/or extraction boreholes to depths ranging from 100-700m and diameters up to and in excess of 300mm.

Other associated minor design and construction related tasks such as specification development or simple borehole design and headworks construction (Retaining walls for culverts), including Construction Design Management (CDM) responsibilities of Principal Designer and Principal Contractor

Lot value (estimated)

- £22,000,000 excluding VAT
- £27,500,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 24951110 - Drilling mud
- 24951130 - Drilling fluids
- 43130000 - Drilling equipment
- 45120000 - Test drilling and boring work
- 45221220 - Culverts
- 45221250 - Underground work other than tunnels, shafts and subways

Same for all lots

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Lot 2. Borehole and Pumping Testing

Description

Typically this Lot will be for the provision of works relating to, but not limited to:

Less complex pumping tests - discharge without/minimal treatment (e.g. removal of suspended solids may be required)

Lot value (estimated)

- £4,000,000 excluding VAT
- £5,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 24951130 - Drilling fluids
- 45120000 - Test drilling and boring work
- 76532000 - Downhole pumping services
- 90733700 - Groundwater pollution monitoring or control services

Same for all lots

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Lot 3. Borehole Cleaning, Maintenance and Rehabilitation

Description

This Lot is intended to provide but not limited to providing:

Borehole cleaning services such as brushing, jetting, chemical treatments, clearance pumping. It includes exploration of boreholes, operational mine water and gas management boreholes and purpose drilled monitoring and abstraction boreholes

Lot value (estimated)

- £800,000 excluding VAT
- £1,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 45120000 - Test drilling and boring work
- 76300000 - Drilling services
- 76510000 - Onshore services
- 76532000 - Downhole pumping services

- 76535000 - Downhole hole opening services

Same for all lots

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Lot 4. Consultancy Services - Design and Management

Description

This Lot is to provide but not be limited to:

Borehole design and specification - including identification of sites and targets.

Management of construction and contract including NEC accredited site supervisors and project managers.

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,250,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 45120000 - Test drilling and boring work

- 71521000 - Construction-site supervision services
- 71530000 - Construction consultancy services
- 71540000 - Construction management services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services

Same for all lots

Contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 5. Pumping and Mine Water Treatment (Complex)

Description

Lot Five is for the provision of the items below but is not limited to these:

Design & supply of temporary treatment systems to allow environmentally compliant discharge of mine waters to watercourses during test pumping.

May include sampling, analysis, bench testing and small scale pilot trials.

Lot value (estimated)

- £7,000,000 excluding VAT
- £8,750,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

CPV classifications

- 45220000 - Engineering works and construction works
- 45232152 - Pumping station construction work
- 45232422 - Sludge-treatment works
- 45232430 - Water-treatment work
- 45232450 - Drainage construction works
- 45240000 - Construction work for water projects
- 45250000 - Construction works for plants, mining and manufacturing and for buildings relating to the oil and gas industry

Same for all lots

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Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

17

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Lot 1. Drilling and Borehole Construction

Lot 2. Borehole and Pumping Testing

Lot 3. Borehole Cleaning, Maintenance and Rehabilitation

Lot 4. Consultancy Services - Design and Management

Lot 5. Pumping and Mine Water Treatment (Complex)

Financial Stability

Experian Delphi report

Pass / Fail Bidders must reach an agreed score on the Experian Delphi report.

Financial Capacity

Insurance requirements (per lot)

Pass / Fail - Bidders must indicate they currently hold or are willing to obtain upon award the requirement the required insurance cover stipulated in the questionnaire

Technical ability conditions of participation

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Technical Capacity

BDA Membership or similar trade association

Pass / Fail - Bidders must confirm they are committed to best practice and continuous development with membership of an accredited Trade Association

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Drilling and Borehole Construction

Lot 2. Borehole and Pumping Testing

Lot 3. Borehole Cleaning, Maintenance and Rehabilitation

Lot 4. Consultancy Services - Design and Management

Lot 5. Pumping and Mine Water Treatment (Complex)

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

30 June 2025

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

30 August 2025, 4:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://inbye.coal.gov.uk/s2c/>

All interested parties can sign up using the address above.

There are no documents available to view currently.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

13 April 2026

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

Following the Conditions of Participation Bidders will be invited to a Two stage process for Lot One Borehole Construction

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://inbye.coal.gov.uk/s2c/>

There are no documents available to view currently.

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Interested parties can sign up ahead of launch on the address above. Use of the system is free but some details will be required.

Contracting authority

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