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Planning

Framework for the Drilling and Testing of Boreholes in former mining areas

The Coal Authority

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/the-coal-authority>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Framework for the Drilling and Testing of Boreholes in former mining areas

Reference number

CA18/2/1/79

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45120000 - Test drilling and boring work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

The Coal Authority (CA) is a non-departmental public body and partner organisation of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) with a mission to make a better future for people and the environment in mining areas.

The Coal Authority manages the effects of past coal mining, including subsidence damage claims which are not the responsibility of licensed coal mine operators. It deals with mine water pollution from both coal and metal mines and other mining legacy issues.

Boreholes are used to improve our understanding of mine water. Our boreholes provide critical water level and quality monitoring data used to assess potential risks to aquifers and surface water bodies. These assessments form the basis of our mine water management strategies with abstraction from boreholes often being key to mine water level control.

The Coal Authority requires a framework agreement for the provision of services relating to the construction and testing of boreholes in former mining areas. The services are anticipated to include borehole drilling, construction, testing, maintenance, cleaning, rehabilitation, technical support and associated works/services.

We are still in the infancy of developing our procurement strategy for the delivery and management of this framework opportunity and are seeking to engage with the market early to gather market intelligence and understand the market conditions.

Further information in relation to this opportunity is included in the attached document.

Interested suppliers will be sent a Engagement Questionnaire that will contain a series of scoping questions, to further our understanding of market opportunities and challenges and assist us in building a effective and innovative procurement solution.

The framework will be procured in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £70,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- 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
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales
- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Authority invites suppliers to express their interest in this market engagement opportunity via email no later than 16:00 on October the 7th 2024.

Following receipt of your interest, you will be issued an Engagement Questionnaire that will contain a series of questions related to better understanding the market conditions and deliverability of our requirements. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on my email: sarahkendrick@coal.gov.uk

The Coal Authority reserves the right to engage further with selected parties arising from the submission of the Engagement Questionnaire, should any information require clarifying or any additional information/opportunities identified that requires further investigation.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

28 July 2025

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