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Tender

## **NDNS biomonitoring for exposure to food additives**

Food Standards Agency

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

This research project aims to make progress towards a better understanding of actual UK consumer exposure to food additives. The aim is investigation of an approach for estimating exposure to food additives through measurement of biomarkers in biological samples taken as part of the National Diet and Nutrition Survey (NDNS). The FSA is currently working with a research partner to measure concentrations of biomarkers of food additives (specifically non-sugar sweeteners) in NDNS urine samples, using analytical chemistry techniques. Following completion of the analytical measurements, the FSA is seeking to commission further research to analyse and interpret the results, to make estimates of relative exposure to non-sugar sweeteners and to estimate dietary intake of the relevant non-sugar sweeteners from the urinary excretion of the corresponding biomarkers

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £90,000 excluding VAT

- £110,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 13 October 2025 to 13 February 2026
- Possible extension to 13 May 2026
- 7 months, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Could be extended for 3 months

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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## **Participation**

## **Conditions of participation**

See PSQ in Atamis

## **Particular suitability**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

21 July 2025, 12:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

4 August 2025, 12:00pm

## **Submission address and any special instructions**

Tenders for FSA funded projects must be submitted through the health-family single e-Commercial System (Atamis), using the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>. Failure to do so may result in the tender response not being processed by the system or the response being automatically disqualified during the evaluation stage of the tender process.

## **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

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## **Award criteria**

Technical - 80% Commercial - 20% Full award criteria in specification

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Below threshold - open competition

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Food Standards Agency**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJRM-6866-LYYX

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Region: UKE21 - York

Organisation type: Public authority - central government