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Tender

## Laboratory Water Testing

Portsmouth Water Limited

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04c816

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### Section I: Contracting entity

#### I.1) Name and addresses

Portsmouth Water Limited

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Havant

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+44 2392499888

#### Country

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ - South East (England)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.portsmouthwater.co.uk/>

Buyer's address

<http://www.portsmouthwater.co.uk/>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Havant:-Laboratory-services./RGU5F8M59H>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://Portsmouthwater.delta-esourcing.com>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**I.6) Main activity**

Water

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Laboratory Water Testing

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

To provide a collection and analysis service of samples for portable water to comply latest Water Supply (water quality) regulations. To provide Portsmouth Water with a courier services, sampling bottles, crates and analytical services. To be accredited at all times to ISO17025 and DWTS. Samples shall be transported daily to the supplier's laboratory. Full temperature records for all Samples shall be required for Samples which are stored or transported in line with ISO 5667 2-8°C. The Service Provider shall maintain a full chain of custody for Samples that are transported and shall confirm, upon receipt, which Samples cannot be analysed. The Tenderer shall report all analysis results within the required quality and regulatory timeframes. The Tenderer shall provide a monthly report detailing where SLA's have and have not been met.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 73111000 - Research laboratory services
- 39225710 - Bottles

- 64120000 - Courier services
- 71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services
- 71610000 - Composition and purity testing and analysis services
- 71620000 - Analysis services
- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services
- 85111820 - Bacteriological analysis services
- 90711300 - Environmental indicators analysis other than for construction

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

SOUTH EAST (ENGLAND)

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial term of the contract is 5 years (60 months), with an optional extension period of up to a further 5 years (60 months). The optional extension will be at Portsmouth Water's discretion and will be dependent on the volume and throughput of work available, and Contractor performance.

### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 3

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

To be accredited at all times to ISO17025 and DWTS and able to demonstrate UKAS Demonstration Scope.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

3 February 2025

Local time

5:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement. This procurement process is being conducted in successive stages and only those organisations which are successful and shortlisted at selection-stage will be invited to submit an initial tender. Interested organisations must complete and submit a completed Selection Questionnaire by the specified closing date and time. Submissions cannot be uploaded after this return deadline. Other than the Selection Questionnaire Pack and Selection Questionnaire, the procurement documents published at the date of this Notice are in draft form, and Portsmouth Water reserves the right to amend, augment and supplement any document. Portsmouth Water reserves the right at any time to cease the procurement process and not award any contract or to award only part of the opportunities described in this Notice. If Portsmouth Water takes up this right, then it will not be responsible for or required to pay the expenses or losses, which may be incurred by any organisation or Tenderer resulting therefrom. Except for the Contracts (if any) concluded with the successful Tenderer(s), nothing in the procurement process shall create a contract, whether express or implied, between Portsmouth Water and any Candidate or Tenderer. Portsmouth Water intends to select approximately 4 Candidates for each Lot to proceed to the next stage of the procurement. However, it reserves the right to select or negotiate with fewer if there are fewer suitable candidates or compliant bids, or more if necessary to ensure meaningful competition. Portsmouth Water may conduct the negotiations in successive stages in order to reduce the number of Tenders to be negotiated, by applying the award criteria specified in the ITT. It reserves the right at any time to close negotiations and award the Contract. Portsmouth Water undertakes to hold confidential any information provided in the proposal submitted, subject to its obligations under the law including Environmental Information Regulations and the UK GDPR. If the organisation considers that any of the information submitted in the proposal

should not be disclosed because of its commercial sensitivity, then this should be stated with the reason for considering it commercially sensitive. Portsmouth Water will then endeavour to consult with the Applicant about such commercially sensitive information when considering any request for information (e.g. under the EIR), before replying to such a request. Portsmouth Water reserves the right to carry out additional financial checks on all organisations bidding for this opportunity at any time during the procurement process. This is to ensure that they continue to meet its requirements and remain financially viable to fulfil the requirements under the proposed contract. For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at: <https://www.delta-esourcing.com/delta/viewNotice.html?noticeId=891805346>

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## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Portsmouth Water will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the Contract is communicated to tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the decision to award a Contract before a

contract is executed/signed (as appropriate). The Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 ('Regulations') provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action must be brought promptly and within the time limits as defined in the above Regulations. Where a Contract has not been entered into the court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the contracting entity to amend any document and may award damages. If a Contract has been entered into the court has the options to award damages and/or to shorten or order the Contract ineffective.

**VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

High Court

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London

WC2A 2LL

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United Kingdom