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Planning

UK Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon (PAH) Monitoring

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

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Scope

Reference

p-36088

Description

The Environment Agency on behalf of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and Devolved Administrations (DA) invite proposals to provide the Central Management and Control Unit (CMCU) and the Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) for the UK Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) Monitoring Network, from 1st March 2026 until at least 28th February 2029 with the possibility of two (2) separate one (1) year extensions (which are not guaranteed). A mobilisation/handover will start up to three (3) months before the contract start date in line with the incumbent Contractors Exit Plan. This mobilisation period will be between 1st December 2025, with full responsibility being transferred to the successful contractor on 1st March 2026. These handover periods are to allow the new Contractor time to get ready to take over the full operation of the network. The Supplier will be responsible for the operation and management of the Authority's PAHs monitoring network sites and send to the Environment Agency's Monitoring Laboratories team for analysis. The purpose of the

PAHs Network is to determine the ambient concentrations of PAHs in the UK atmosphere through monitoring and chemical analysis to ensure the UK complies with the PAHs related provisions of the UK's Air Quality Standard Regulations 2010, which incorporate EU's 4th Air Quality Daughter Directive and the Air Quality Strategy PAHs Objective.

Total value (estimated)

- £1 excluding VAT
- £1 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 December 2025 to 28 February 2029
- Possible extension to 28 February 2031
- 5 years, 3 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 90731100 - Air quality management

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

23 January 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

F01:PIN <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/000577-2025> II.1.4) Short description The Environment Agency on behalf of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and Devolved Administrations (DA) will be inviting proposals to provide the Central Management and Control Unit (CMCU) and the Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) for the UK Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) Monitoring Network from 7th February 2025. The purpose of the PAHs Network is to determine the ambient concentrations of PAHs in the UK atmosphere through monitoring and chemical analysis to ensure the UK complies with the PAHs related provisions of the UK's Air Quality Standard Regulations 2010, which incorporate EU's 4th Air Quality Daughter Directive and the Air Quality Strategy PAHs Objective. Data from this network is uploaded on to Home - Defra, UK A draft specification for this opportunity can be requested from to dgc-laww-buyer@defra.gov.uk inbox by referencing this opportunity. The Environment Agency and Defra Group Commercial will be holding an online Market Engagement Online Event on Thursday 23rd January. Please register your interest for this event no later than 5pm on Monday 20th January. Please confirm your interest in bidding for this opportunity and/or attending the Market Engagement Online Event; and we would like to know of any barriers, stating what they are, to you entering this market competition to dgc-laww-buyer@defra.gov.uk inbox referencing this opportunity.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 August 2025

Contracting authority

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNWW-1475-NYLN

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Summary of their role in this procurement: Procurement facilitated via Defra group Commercial

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