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Tender

Marine Macrobenthic Invertebrate Sample Analysis (2025 – 2033)

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Scope

Description

Marine Macrobenthic Invertebrate Sample Analysis (2025-2033) The Environment Agency is intending to procure the Services of Suppliers to analyse marine Macrobenthic Invertebrate Samples. The Project will be attributed to an Open Framework Agreement, under EA Framework Terms and Conditions.

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £4,900,000 excluding VAT
- £5,880,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 November 2025 to 1 November 2033
- 8 years, 1 day

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Duration: Initial 3 years + optional extensions (1+2+2 years)

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 90711500 - Environmental monitoring other than for construction

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

1 November 2033

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Further information about fees

n/a

Framework operation description

The Marine Macrobenthic Invertebrate Sample Analysis Framework (2025–2033). It is an Open Framework under Section 49 of the Procurement Act 2023. The Environment Agency will appoint multiple suppliers per lot, and services will be procured via mini-competitions (i.e., call-offs) under the framework. The framework duration is 3 years + optional extensions (1+2+2 years), ending no later than 1 November 2033.

Award method when using the framework

With competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Environment Agency (EA) Natural England (NE) Natural Resources Wales (NRW)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

11 September 2025, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

18 September 2025, 2:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://atamis-9529.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

10 October 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Tender (Technical)	The technical and commercial split is 70% technical / 30% Commercial	Quality	70.00%
Commercial	The technical and commercial split is 70% technical / 30% Commercial	Cost	30.00%

Other information

Payment terms

Rate Card Compliance: All charges must align with the maximum allowable rates set out in the Pricing Schedule and formal rate card. No charges exceeding these rates will be accepted unless explicitly agreed in writing by the contracting authority. Mini-Competitions: Work will be awarded via mini-competitions under the framework, and pricing must reflect the agreed scenario-based rates.

Description of risks to contract performance

Detailed in the Tender and KPIs

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

No preliminary market engagement was conducted prior to the publication of this tender. The requirement is well-defined, and the authority possesses sufficient market knowledge from recent similar procurements. As such, additional engagement was not deemed necessary to inform the procurement strategy or specification. This approach ensures efficient use of resources while maintaining compliance with the principles of transparency, equal treatment, and non-discrimination.

Contracting authority

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNWW-1475-NYLN

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London

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United Kingdom

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Email: dgcenquiries@defra.gov.uk

Website: <https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

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: Managing and facilitating this Procurement

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBD-3289-CDGX

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