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Planning

Poole Water Recycling and Transfer

Wessex Water Services Ltd

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Scope

Description

As part of wider plans from the West Country Water and Environment Group (WCWE), two projects are in early planning and development, namely Cheddar 2 Reservoir, and the Poole Water Recycling and Transfer Project.

This Preliminary Market Engagement Notice refers only to the Poole Water Recycling and Transfer Project, led by Wessex Water, however a separate Preliminary Market Engagement Notice is also concurrently being issued by South West Water for the Cheddar 2 Reservoir Project.

A Planned Procurement Notice reference 2025/S 000-037909 <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/037909-2025?origin=SearchResults&p=1> has previously been published in relation to this Project.

It is Wessex Water's intent to procure a Competitively Appointed Provider (CAP) to design, build, finance, operate and maintain a new Poole Water Recycling and Transfer centre under the Direct Procurement for Customers (DPC) model. Please note that this is Notice not a call for competition.

At this stage the Project scope comprises a new 30 Ml/d Water Recycling Centre at Corfe

Mullen, together with ancillary associated works including transfer from the existing Poole Water Recycling Centre to the new Water Recycling Centre at Corfe Mullen, creation of new wetlands, and discharge pipelines. The estimated capital value of the work is c.£170m. Further details regarding the Project are available within the Market Engagement Pack, and details of how to access this are provided below.

Further to the recent launch event held on Tuesday 9th September 2025, Wessex Water invites interested parties via this Notice to participate in an initial round of Market Engagement, as part of a planned ongoing programme of market engagement for the Poole Water Recycling and Transfer Project.

The programme of engagement is proposed to help develop a wider understanding of the delivery of the Project from both a construction and investment perspective, and presents an opportunity for Wessex Water to engage and collaborate with the market in refining its delivery and commercial model, procurement approach and contracting terms.

Additionally, the programme of market engagement seeks to encourage multi-party discussions that will align the Project's development and presentation to market with market trends, taking into account the perspectives of both Investors and Main Works Contractors who it is envisaged would form and comprise the CAP.

We envisage that this round of Market Engagement will comprise registration of interest and completion of a short Questionnaire, followed by a series of bilateral discussions with a range of interested parties who are representative of the target market.

Total value (estimated)

- £345,000,000 excluding VAT
- £414,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2029 to 1 July 2054
- 25 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 44160000 - Pipeline, piping, pipes, casing, tubing and related items
- 45111200 - Site preparation and clearance work
- 45111240 - Ground-drainage work
- 45111291 - Site-development work
- 45112000 - Excavating and earthmoving work
- 45113000 - Siteworks
- 45210000 - Building construction work
- 45222000 - Construction work for engineering works except bridges, tunnels, shafts and subways
- 45223000 - Structures construction work
- 45231000 - Construction work for pipelines, communication and power lines
- 45232000 - Ancillary works for pipelines and cables
- 45245000 - Dredging and pumping works for water treatment plant installations
- 45247000 - Construction work for dams, canals, irrigation channels and aqueducts
- 45252000 - Construction works for sewage treatment plants, purification plants and refuse incineration plants
- 45500000 - Hire of construction and civil engineering machinery and equipment with operator
- 51110000 - Installation services of electrical equipment

- 51120000 - Installation services of mechanical equipment
- 66110000 - Banking services
- 66122000 - Corporate finance and venture capital services
- 66152000 - Financial market regulatory services
- 71300000 - Engineering services
- 71500000 - Construction-related services
- 71800000 - Consulting services for water-supply and waste consultancy

Contract locations

- UKK - South West (England)

Engagement

Engagement deadline

1 July 2027

Engagement process description

An initial Industry Day / Launch Event has already been held on 9th September 2024.

Wessex Water now invites interested parties via this Notice to participate in an initial round of Market Engagement, as part of a planned ongoing programme of market engagement for the Poole Water Recycling and Transfer Project. Please note that this Notice is not a call for competition.

This engagement will help develop a wider understanding of the delivery of the project from both a construction and investment perspective.

Interested parties are invited to register their interest at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/IG22D4/> where the Market Engagement Pack containing further information regarding the Project, details of the Market Engagement process and the associated Questionnaire can be obtained.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

30 July 2027

Procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Contracting authority

Wessex Water Services Ltd

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPVH-1185-WPZP

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Organisation type: Private utility