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Planning

National River Flow Archive Peak Flows Dataset Maintenance

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Scope

Reference

P-37516

Description

The National River Flow Archive's Peak Flows Dataset (NRFA-PFD) forms a key strategic national asset, underpinning most flood estimation calculations in the UK. The NRFA-PFD refers to the complete UK-wide dataset - with contributions from the Environment Agency (EA), Natural Resources Wales (NRW), the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and the Department for Infrastructure - Rivers (DfIR - covering Northern Ireland). NRFA-PFD ensures that data and information on peak flow data are openly available and consistent across the UK to a wide range of stakeholders. The current contract for this service ends in March 2026, and a new four-year contract is needed to maintain the service until March 2030.

The principal aim of the project is to maintain the continuity and quality of the peak flow dataset to enable evidence-based decision making across the flood-risk sector in England

and beyond. The specific activities undertaken by the supplier will include: (a) an annual update of the Peak Flows Dataset, (b) an annual Period of Record review, (c) onboarding and maintaining the existing dataset, reporting on its usage and managing relationships with the relevant Measuring Authorities, (d) exploring opportunities for improvements in the Peak Flows Dataset, including automation of quality control processes, (e) hosting the Peak Flows Dataset online so that it is open and accessible, and (f) the hosting of quarterly management meetings between the supplier and the Measuring Authorities.

Total value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 45246400 - Flood-prevention works

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

6 October 2025

Engagement process description

We wish to understand interest in this requirement to inform our approach and to sight suppliers of the upcoming opportunity. Please note, this does not commit Defra to any procurement approach.

Please confirm your interest in bidding for this opportunity, and indicate whether there are any barriers preventing you from participating. Kindly respond by email to dgc-laww-buyer@defra.gov.uk referencing this opportunity, by no later than 5pm (17:00 GMT) on the 6th October 2025.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

9 March 2026

Contracting authority

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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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Contact ENVIRONMENT AGENCY for any enquiries.