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Tender

## **Sampling and testing of Shiga toxin-producing E. coli in waterways**

Food Standards Agency

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Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-061923

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-05a759

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

The purpose of the work described here is to characterise the diversity of STEC strains present in the environment nearby areas used for farming different livestock species, by sampling and testing nearby waterways. By establishing a better "fingerprint" of STEC strains typically associated with livestock farm types, we can attribute the proportion of human STEC cases to different livestock species which will help to understand sources and pathways of contamination of secondary food types such as salad crops.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £300,000 excluding VAT
- £360,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 January 2026 to 30 April 2027
- 1 year, 4 months

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 73110000 - Research services

### **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

None

## **Technical ability conditions of participation**

None

## **Particular suitability**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

16 October 2025, 12:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

4 November 2025, 12:00pm

## **Submission address and any special instructions**

Tenders for FSA funded projects must be submitted through the health-family single e-Commercial System (Atamis), using the following link: <https://health-family.force.com/s/Welcome>.

## **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

**Languages that may be used for submission**

English

**Award decision date (estimated)**

22 December 2025

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**Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Technical Envelope	80% Technical Envelope	Quality	80.00%
Financial Envelope	20% Financial Envelope	Cost	20.00%

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**Other information****Description of risks to contract performance**

Risks associated with a science project of this nature including time delays, budgetary impacts, scope, sampling plan etc.

**Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

### Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

No market engagement has been carried out.

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## Contracting authority

### Food Standards Agency

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJRM-6866-LYYX

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Region: UKE21 - York

Organisation type: Public authority - central government