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Tender

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

Food Standards Agency

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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

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)

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

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical Envelope	80% Technical Envelope	Quality	80.00%
Financial Envelope	20% Financial Envelope	Cost	20.00%

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

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

No market engagement has been carried out.

Contracting authority

Food Standards Agency

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJRM-6866-LYYX

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government