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Tender

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Habitat Units

YORKSHIRE WATER SERVICES LIMITED

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Scope

Reference

CM3157

Description

Yorkshire Water intends to appoint a partner to provide Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) unit acquisition services in accordance with the Environment Act 2021.

The appointed partner will identify, secure, and acquire biodiversity units, including registration with DEFRA and Natural England. Services will include market engagement, habitat validation, reporting, and long-term compliance monitoring.

This contract will support Yorkshire Water's AMP8 capital programme by ensuring timely and cost-effective access to biodiversity units across its development portfolio.

Total value (estimated)

- £8,000,000 excluding VAT
- £8,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 15 December 2025 to 31 December 2029
- Possible extension to 31 December 2031
- 6 years, 17 days

Description of possible extension:

The contract may be extended subject to performance, regulatory requirements, and business need.

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The contract may include options to allow Yorkshire Water to purchase additional biodiversity units or related services during the contract term. These options may be exercised to meet changes in development demand, planning obligations, or regulatory requirements introduced under the Environment Act 2021.

Options may also include the ability to expand the scope of services to cover new habitat types, additional geographic areas, or extended monitoring and reporting activities where these remain consistent with the original contract objectives.

Yorkshire Water reserves the right to exercise these options based on business need, project timelines, or changes in legislation or policy guidance relating to Biodiversity Net Gain. Any use of options will remain within the overall framework and commercial terms of the awarded contract.

Main procurement category

Services

Additional procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 90700000 - Environmental services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Submission

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

4 November 2025, 6:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Tenders must be submitted electronically via SAP Ariba, Yorkshire Water's e-procurement portal.

<https://s1-eu.ariba.com/Sourcing/Main/aw?awh=r&awssk=fy5dbBftDhoBNSzh&realm=YorkshireWater&dard=1#b0>

Suppliers not yet registered must complete registration prior to submission. All communications, clarifications, and tender submissions must be made through the SAP Ariba portal.

If you have not been invited to this tender but wish to participate, please email fmandenergycommercialteam@yorkshirewater.co.uk

so that we can issue an invitation via SAP Ariba.

Tenders submitted by email or post will not be accepted. No electronic auction will be used.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

15 December 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	<p>Tenders will be evaluated on technical quality and capability, representing 50% of the total score. Quality assessment will be based on the responses to the Capability Questionnaire, covering the following areas: Habitat Portfolio - range, diversity, and accessibility of biodiversity units. Delivery Process - approach to sourcing, validation, and management of BNG units. Operational Flexibility - ability to adapt to market, policy, and delivery changes. Project Experience - relevant experience managing BNG or habitat offset programmes. Registration & Assurance - compliance with DEFRA and Natural England standards. Sustainability & Social Value - contribution to environmental, social, and community outcomes.</p>	Quality	50%

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Commercial	Commercial proposals will represent 50% of the total score. The evaluation will assess total cost of purchase, including habitat unit costs and associated fees. The lowest evaluated total cost will receive the highest score, with other bids scored proportionally based on cost differentials. Yorkshire Water will also consider any costs reasonably expected to be incurred as part of the proposed delivery model, as set out in the ITT Commercial Evaluation methodology.	Price	50%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Competitive flexible procedure description

Yorkshire Water will conduct this procurement using a Competitive Flexible Procedure in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023. The process will follow a single-stage structure combining a Selection Questionnaire (SQ) and Invitation to Tender (ITT), allowing suppliers to submit full participation responses at the same time. All documents, including evaluation criteria and supporting materials, will be made available via SAP Ariba.

Interested suppliers will submit combined SQ and ITT responses within the defined tender period. During this period, clarification questions may be raised and answered via the portal to ensure transparency and equal access to information.

Responses will be evaluated in accordance with published criteria, covering technical capability, experience in biodiversity offsetting and habitat unit brokerage, regulatory compliance, delivery methodology, and commercial value. Yorkshire Water may shortlist suppliers if necessary, based on quality and price thresholds.

Following initial evaluation, Yorkshire Water reserves the right to enter into negotiation or clarification with one or more tenderers to refine technical or commercial proposals, ensuring value for money and compliance with BNG regulations.

Revised submissions (if applicable) will be evaluated to identify the Most Advantageous Tender. The award decision will be made in accordance with Yorkshire Water's governance processes, and all participants will be notified of the outcome with feedback provided.

The successful supplier will enter into a service contract for the provision of Biodiversity Net Gain unit acquisition and related services. Contract commencement is anticipated in February 2026, following completion of the standstill period and final approvals.

Contracting authority

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