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Tender

Supply of Multiparameter Oceanographic Water Quality Instruments – Lots 1 & 2

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

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Scope

Description

The Authority requires a new Public Contract (stand-alone public contract with Ordering Schedule) for the supply of multi-parameter instruments to equip the Environment Agency with the best evidence gathering instruments available.

Future equipment should require minimal maintenance, have a long working life and help create cost savings in future years.

With this in mind, we require a Public Contract for the supply of hand-deployable multi-parameter instruments for marine and estuarine water quality monitoring.

The instruments will be used for statutory monitoring, (including spot sampling), European Union Directive and Environment Management investigations. Equipment will be deployed from coastal survey vessels and rigid hulled inflated boats.

This specification provides full detail of what is expected in terms of the goods / services supplied under this Public Contract.

Total value (estimated)

- £500,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 1 January 2029
- Possible extension to 1 January 2031
- 5 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Each Lot will be awarded for 3 years with the option to extend for 2 additional 12-month periods.

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The Public Contract for Lot 1 is to be awarded for 3 years with the option to extend for 2 additional 12-month periods.

The Public Contract for Lot 2 is to be awarded for 3 years with the option to extend for 2 additional 12-month periods.

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 31682210 - Instrumentation and control equipment

Lot constraints

Maximum number of lots a supplier can bid for: 1

Maximum number of lots a supplier can be awarded: 1

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

The Public Contract is split into Two Lots. One supplier will be appointed for either lot 1 or lot 2. They will be the sole supplier for that lot. Only a single lot (either lot 1 or lot 2) will be awarded.

- Lot 1: Purchase of: Multi-Parameter Instruments, deployable for marine use
- Lot 2: Hire of: Multi-Parameter Instruments, deployable for marine use

The Public Contract for Lot 1 is to be awarded for 3 years with the option to extend for 2 additional 12-month periods.

The Public Contract for Lot 2 is to be awarded for 3 years with the option to extend for 2 additional 12-month periods.

Lot 1. Lot 1: Purchase of: Multi-Parameter Instruments, deployable for marine use

Description

The Public Contract is split into Two Lots. One supplier will be appointed for either lot 1 or

lot 2. They will be the sole supplier for that lot. Only a single lot (either lot 1 or lot 2) will be awarded.

- Lot 1: Purchase of: Multi-Parameter Instruments, deployable for marine use

Lot value (estimated)

- £250,000 excluding VAT
- £300,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Lot 2: Hire of: Multi-Parameter Instruments, deployable for marine use

Description

The Public Contract is split into Two Lots. One supplier will be appointed for either lot 1 or lot 2. They will be the sole supplier for that lot. Only a single lot (either lot 1 or lot 2) will be awarded.

- Lot 2: Hire of: Multi-Parameter Instruments, deployable for marine use

Lot value (estimated)

- £250,000 excluding VAT
- £300,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Lot 1: Purchase of: Multi-Parameter Instruments, deployable for marine use

Lot 2. Lot 2: Hire of: Multi-Parameter Instruments, deployable for marine use

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

24 October 2025, 2:00pm

Tender submission deadline

10 November 2025, 10:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at <https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Any questions, requests to participate or tender submissions must be submitted electronically via this portal.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

19 December 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Tender (Technical)	Tenders will be evaluated against a Cost/Quality weighting ratio of: 40 Commercial (Price) and 60 Technical (Quality).	Quality	60.00%
Commercial (Price)	Tenders will be evaluated against a Cost/Quality weighting ratio of: 40 Commercial (Price) and 60 Technical (Quality).	Price	40.00%

Other information

Payment terms

Standard Good and Services Terms and Conditions will apply

Standard goods and services terms and conditions (£10,000 to £50,000) - GOV.UK

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNWW-1475-NYLN

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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: Facilitating the procurement service.

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBD-3289-CDGX

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