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Tender

## **Risk profile of PFAS in distribution systems**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

This project will provide insights into the risk profile of PFAS chemicals in water supplies beyond the water treatment works stage. The study should include an assessment of PFAS in the network to determine if there are locations and materials and products that are deemed high risk to drinking water quality and evaluate the risks of PFAS migration or leachates from these areas of concern.

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

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

Above the relevant threshold

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

- 31 January 2026 to 31 July 2027
- Possible extension to 31 January 2028
- 2 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Subject to business need and Authority's approval

## **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Six Month Extension

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

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## **Participation**

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

See Tender Documentation

## **Technical ability conditions of participation**

See Tender Document

## **Particular suitability**

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

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

21 November 2025, 12:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

5 December 2025, 5:00pm

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

Submissions must be made via the Authority's eSourcing platform.

<https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

## **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

## Languages that may be used for submission

English

## Award decision date (estimated)

12 January 2026

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## Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
TECHNICAL	Quality	70.00%
COST	Price	30.00%

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## Other information

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

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

R&D Exemption

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## **Contracting authority**

### **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government