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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

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)

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

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
TECHNICAL	Quality	70.00%
COST	Price	30.00%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

R&D Exemption

Contracting authority

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