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Tender

T123 - NI Water Provision of External Proficiency Testing Schemes

NI Water and its' Subsidiaries

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Scope

Reference

T123

Description

This contract shall provide a comprehensive External Proficiency Testing Scheme (EPTS) services across a range of specific testing disciplines as outlined within the tender documents, but not limited to, the Altnagelvin (testing lab no: 2148) and Westland House Laboratory (testing lab no: 1835) UKAS schedules of accreditation and including the onboarding of new laboratory methodologies. This will include the design, coordination, and delivery of interlaboratory comparisons, as well as the provision of detailed statistical analysis and reporting on the outcomes. The testing disciplines are divided into nine (9) Lots, suppliers can bid for any number of Lots but must provide all items within the Lot/s tendered for.

Total value (estimated)

- £434,000 excluding VAT
- £520,800 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 22 December 2025 to 21 December 2027
- Possible extension to 21 December 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Initial period, of two (2) years with three (3) extensions of up to twelve months each

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Options to procure additional tests of similar nature

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

Lot constraints

Maximum number of lots a supplier can bid for: 8

Maximum number of lots a supplier can be awarded: 8

Lot 1. Clean Water Microbiology (Gelvin Grange Laboratory)

Description

Lot 1: Clean Water Microbiology (Gelvin Grange Laboratory): covers drinking/potable and recreational/surface water microbiology testing.

Lot value (estimated)

- £14,000 excluding VAT
- £16,800 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. Clean Water Microbiology (Westland House Laboratory)

Description

Lot 2: Clean Water Microbiology (Westland House Laboratory): covers drinking/potable and recreational/surface water microbiology testing.

Lot value (estimated)

- £14,000 excluding VAT
- £16,800 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Lot 3. Waste Water Microbiology Laboratory (Gelvin Grange Laboratory)

Description

Lot 3: Waste Water Microbiology Laboratory (Gelvin Grange Laboratory) covers Recreational & Surface Water Microbiology testing).

Lot value (estimated)

- £6,000 excluding VAT
- £7,200 including VAT

Same for all lots

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they are the same for all lots.

Lot 4. Waste Water Microbiology (Gelvin Grange Laboratory):

Description

Lot 4: Waste Water Microbiology (Gelvin Grange Laboratory): Surface Waste/Bathing Water microbiological testing..

Lot value (estimated)

- £5,000 excluding VAT
- £6,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Lot 5. Cryptosporidium Testing (Gelvin Grange Laboratory)

Description

Lot 5: Cryptosporidium Testing (Gelvin Grange Laboratory) – The supplier shall provide proficiency testing for Cryptosporidium in potable, surface, ground, and raw water at Gelvin Grange Laboratory.

Lot value (estimated)

- £8,000 excluding VAT
- £9,600 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Lot 6. Cryptosporidium Testing 2 (Gelvin Grange Laboratory)

Description

Lot 6: Cryptosporidium Testing (Gelvin Grange Laboratory)– The supplier shall provide proficiency testing for Cryptosporidium in potable, surface, ground, and raw waters at Gelvin Grange Laboratory.

Lot value (estimated)

- £92,000 excluding VAT
- £110,400 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Lot 7. Cryptosporidium laboratory (Gelvin Grange)

Description

Lot 7: Cryptosporidium laboratory (Gelvin Grange); The supplier shall provide proficiency testing for the detection and enumeration of coliphages and Legionella in drinking/potable water at Gelvin Grange Laboratory.

Lot value (estimated)

- £5,000 excluding VAT
- £6,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Lot 8. Waste Water Chemistry (Gelvin Grange Laboratory).

Description

Lot 8: Waste Water Chemistry (Gelvin Grange Laboratory). - The supplier shall provide proficiency testing for chemical analysis of wastewater, surface waters, groundwaters, and industrial effluents at Gelvin Grange Laboratory.

Lot value (estimated)

- £90,000 excluding VAT
- £108,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Lot 9. Clean Water Chemistry (Westland House Laboratory)

Description

Lot 9: Clean Water Chemistry (Westland House Laboratory) - The supplier shall provide proficiency testing for chemical analysis of potable, surface, and groundwaters at Westland House Laboratory.

Lot value (estimated)

- £200,000 excluding VAT
- £240,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Clean Water Microbiology (Gelvin Grange Laboratory)

Lot 2. Clean Water Microbiology (Westland House Laboratory)

Lot 3. Waste Water Microbiology Laboratory (Gelvin Grange Laboratory)

Lot 4. Waste Water Microbiology (Gelvin Grange Laboratory):

Lot 5. Cryptosporidium Testing (Gelvin Grange Laboratory)

Lot 6. Cryptosporidium Testing 2 (Gelvin Grange Laboratory)

Lot 7. Cryptosporidium laboratory (Gelvin Grange)

Lot 8. Waste Water Chemistry (Gelvin Grange Laboratory).

Lot 9. Clean Water Chemistry (Westland House Laboratory)

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

17 November 2025, 4:00pm

Tender submission deadline

25 November 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

17 December 2025

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 22 July 2030

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Mandatory Criteria	Confirmation of Compliance with Specification	Quality
Social Value	Social Value Themes	Quality

Weighting description

Pass/Fail

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Contracting authority

NI Water and its' Subsidiaries

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

