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Award

Coroner's Service Toxicology Contract

Reading Borough Council

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

The standstill period will be extended by 1 week to the 12th November in order to allow the Council time to review a challenge that has been received.

Scope

Reference

RBC 00002335

Description

RBC are completing a ITT exercise for the provision of Coroner's Service Toxicology Contract - The scope for this project is to cover the following key deliverables: Testing analysis and interpretation of toxicological specimens, Interpretive toxicology reports to HM Senior Coroner and Pathologist within contract timescales, Maintenance of adequate contact between HM Senior Coroner's Officers and staff, Attendance at inquest as required and Monthly statistics and performance indicators

Suppliers that would like to take part in this process are invited to "Express Interest" upon which they will be given access to the full documentation delivered through this portal. Documents can be accessed from the "My Tenders" area of this website by selecting the "View Details" button for the project.

Expressions of interest will only be accepted until 19/08/2025.

Any questions relating to this opportunity should be made via the correspondence link on this portal.

Contract 1. Coroner's Toxicology Service

Supplier

- [Toxicology UK](#)

Contract value

- £392,700 excluding VAT
- £490,875 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

27 October 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

27 October 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

17 November 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 21 January 2026 to 20 January 2029
- Possible extension to 20 January 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

+1+1

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85145000 - Services provided by medical laboratories

Information about tenders

- 5 tenders received
- 5 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 5 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 4 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

Toxicology UK

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBLQ-5782-PNHT

Mazars, First Floor

Birmingham

B33AX

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@toxicologyuk.co.uk

Region: UKG31 - Birmingham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Coroner's Toxicology Service

Contracting authority

Reading Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWBJ-9435-VXQQ

Bridge Street

Reading

RG1 2LU

United Kingdom

Email: pchub@reading.gov.uk

Region: UKJ11 - Berkshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government