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Tender

Domestic Combustion Tracking and Evaluation

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

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Scope

Reference

P-38335

Description

Defra is seeking to commission a multi-year research programme to strengthen the evidence base around solid fuel burning across the UK, with a focus on domestic settings. The contract is expected to run from 1st February 2026 until at least 31st January 2030 with the possibility of a one (1) year extension (which is not guaranteed), and is structured around four interlinked work packages. Previous research, similar in nature, can be found here;

<https://sciencesearch.defra.gov.uk/ProjectDetails?ProjectId=20159>

<https://sciencesearch.defra.gov.uk/ProjectDetails?ProjectId=21104>

This work is essential for informing trends in emissions from domestic burning, both indoors and outdoors and will support better policy and intervention development.

Total value (estimated)

- £1 excluding VAT
- £1 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 February 2026 to 31 January 2030
- Possible extension to 31 January 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Potential for 1 x 1 year in extension periods

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Contract start date: 01/02/2026

Contract End date: 31/01/2030

Contract End date with 1x1 year extensions: 31/01/2030 only applied if the extension is deemed necessary during the contract term

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 90731100 - Air quality management

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

11 December 2025, 3:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

18 December 2025, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://atamis-9529.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

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

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

15 January 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical	Quality	60.00%
Price	Price	40.00%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

This procurement is being conducted as a Competitive Flexible Procedure in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023. Completion and submission of all documents will be conducted via the Authority's eSourcing system.

Following the evaluation stages 1-5 referenced in the Bidder Pack, the authority reserves the right to reissue the technical evaluation questions, pricing schedule, or any part thereof to the two highest scoring bidders, or any other bidder, for a Best and Final Offer (BAFO).

Please note that all bidders will be invited to submit improved responses on the same items. Bidders will have 10 calendar days to review, revise and resubmit their bid via Atamis. There will be a period of 5 calendar days for clarification questions. The exact dates of these periods and deadlines for submission will be shared with the relevant bidders.

! IMPORTANT – This is an optional stage for the Authority to ensure that the Most Advantageous Tender is selected, that the requirement has been fully understood, and that bidders are provided a fair chance to compete where the Authority does not feel ready to award after Stage 5 evaluation. Bidders should submit their best possible tender and price in the first instance, as it is not guaranteed that this stage will be used.

Contracting authority

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