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Tender

PFAS Catchment Investigations

SEVERN TRENT WATER LIMITED

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Scope

Description

Severn Trent are looking to understand sources of PFAS in 2 surface waters feeding 2 Water Treatment Works (WTW) with a view to understand risk at our WTW now and in the future.

We are also keen to explore what is controlling variation and concentrations, and what mitigation actions may help to reduce PFAS levels in these catchments and their potential effectiveness. This information will be used to plan the necessary level of PFAS removal required at water treatment works in these catchments now and for the future, and work towards less reliance on energy intensive removal / destruction techniques. The work also aims to further develop our stakeholder engagement activity, fulfilling commitments in DWI guidance as well as working with stakeholders to reduce sources in catchment.

The objectives of the work are to:

To understand where PFAS of concern are originating from considering both current and historic activities in our catchments

To understand how PFAS levels may change in the future

To understand what is controlling PFAS concentrations

To review what mitigation options are available to reduce PFAS levels and how feasible / effective they could be in our catchments and at what cost including attempting to reduce the use of carbon and intensive energy systems such as GAC.

Fulfilling our stakeholder engagement commitments in the DWI guidance as well as working with stakeholders to reduce sources in catchment with education

Support ST's stakeholder engagement activity

Scope

This work will be focused on the surface water catchments upstream of 2 WTW's. It should include review of water quality data available from 2022 to 2025 plus outputs from our catchment risk assessment, stakeholder engagement (where shareable) and our AMP7 investigations. For 1 catchment it is expected that the recommendations from the AMP7 investigation are reviewed and where considered appropriate, acted upon. This includes sampling further upstream in the catchment, close to potential PFAS sources identified as part of the AMP7 investigation, sampling sediments and obtaining flow data from the catchment.

Key tasks likely to be delivered as part of this work include:

WQ monitoring throughout the catchments

Flow monitoring in the catchments, building on data availability from EA flow monitoring

Sampling of effluent and influents of large wastewater treatment work

Sampling up / downstream of possible PFAS discharges into rivers

Desktop analysis and integration of WQ data, flow data and spatial data (linked to possible PFAS sources in the catchments) from monitoring above and existing data

Forensic analysis of data (including compound breakdown analysis) and comparison with potential sources

Mass balance and simple modelling of possible sources

Recommendations around stakeholder engagement activities

Review of options to address likely sources of PFAS in catchments including contributing wastewater works.

Total value (estimated)

- £800,000 excluding VAT
- £1,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2029
- 3 years

Description of possible extension:

Extensions available in the case of if further investigation is required.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 90714500 - Environmental quality control services
- 90715000 - Pollution investigation services

Contract locations

- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

5 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

12 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Please access the full tender documentation and submit your response via SAP Ariba using the following link:

<https://discovery.ariba.com/rfx/23588115>

Important:

All questions or clarifications must be submitted through the Ariba Event messaging function.

Do not post queries on the Discovery listing, as they will not be monitored.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 April 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical	Quality	60%
Commercial	Price	40%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Competitive flexible procedure description

Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) Stage

Interested suppliers will complete a PQQ to demonstrate capability, experience, and compliance with minimum requirements.

Evaluation will be based on pass/fail criteria and qualitative responses where applicable.

A shortlist of successful suppliers will be invited to the next stage.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Stage

Shortlisted suppliers will receive the full scope, pricing schedule, and evaluation criteria.

Suppliers will submit detailed proposals including technical approach, pricing, and risk management documentation (e.g., RAMS).

Initial evaluation will be conducted against published award criteria.

Negotiation and Refinement

Following initial evaluation, The Utility may enter into negotiations with suppliers to clarify proposals, refine technical solutions, and address any outstanding questions.

Final Tender Submission

Suppliers will submit a best and final offer (BAFO) incorporating any negotiated refinements.

Final evaluation will be conducted using the agreed award criteria.

Documents

Associated tender documents

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Contracting authority

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