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Tender

Plant Service Inspection Maintenance and Repair (SIMAR)

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

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Scope

Reference

C30245

Description

Defra have a requirement for the provision of Servicing, Inspection, Maintenance and Repair (SIMAR) services for Plant assets to support the Environment Agency and other Defra Groups. Key requirements of this contract are:

- The provision of a 24 / 7 national service
- A flexible and cost-effective supplier
- Competent and trained staff
- Ability to service, inspection, maintain, repair and operate a legally compliant fleet
- Provision of 24 / 7 breakdown and recovery services

- Minimal disruption to business operations/minimal downtime of assets
- A sustainable approach to all areas of operations
- The ability to repair and refurbish assets as required (predominantly plant)

Defra would like to put in place a contract with a single supplier for an initial contract duration of 3 years, with an option to extend for a further 3 x 12 month periods.

Known Risks

Risk Category: Regulatory Changes

Description:

There is a reasonable likelihood of changes to regulations during the contract term.

Impact on Contract:

Such changes may require adjustments to:

- Technical specifications of goods or services.
- Compliance documentation and reporting processes.
- Delivery timelines and associated costs.

Modification Mechanism:

In accordance with Schedule 8, paragraph 5 of the Procurement Act 2023:

- If these regulatory changes materialise and are not caused by either party, the contracting authority may vary the contract to ensure compliance.
- Any variation will be limited to what is strictly necessary to meet the new legal requirements and will not increase the estimated contract value by more than 50%.
- A Contract Change Notice will be published to maintain transparency.

We are unable to address the potential impact upfront due to not knowing what potential regulatory changes will apply during the contract duration.

Total value (estimated)

- £49,000,000 excluding VAT
- £58,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 11 May 2026 to 15 August 2029
- Possible extension to 15 August 2032
- 6 years, 3 months, 5 days

Description of possible extension:

3 x 12 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 45259000 - Repair and maintenance of plant
- 50111100 - Vehicle-fleet management services
- 50111110 - Vehicle-fleet-support services
- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services
- 50111000 - Fleet management, repair and maintenance services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

9 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

30 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at <https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Any questions, requests to participate or tender submissions must be submitted electronically via this portal.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

27 April 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 13 February 2032

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Commercial Envelope	Cost	50.00%
Technical Envelope - Technical Specification Questions	Quality	30.00%
Technical Envelope - Sustainability Specification Questions	Quality	20.00%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

This Competitive Flexible Procedure will not use a down-select stage but will include an optional stage after the tender process has been completed. 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 that has scored within 3% (total score) of the highest scoring bidder, for a Best and Final Offer (BAFO). This will allow bidders to incorporate any feedback from the Evaluation Stage 5 evaluation.

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 Evaluation 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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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNWW-1475-NYLN

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Summary of their role in this procurement: Defra group Commercial will manage this procurement on behalf of the Environment Agency.

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Contact ENVIRONMENT AGENCY for any enquiries.