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Tender

The Swale - Shellfish Quality Monitoring

Swale Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

PA49

Description

Swale Borough Council is inviting Expressions of Interest to quote for shellfish quality monitoring of The Swale.

The contract will involve the service provider collecting samples of shellfish and water in accordance with the current Food Standards Agency (FSA) and The Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS) relevant documents, including the Protocol for the Collection of Shellfish under the Microbiological Classification Monitoring Program and the Protocol for the Collection and Transport of Shellfish Samples for the Purposes of Official Control Monitoring of Classified Shellfish Production Areas in England and Wales: Marine Biotoxins and Chemical Contaminants. In practical terms the service will involve taking the required amount of water and flesh samples of shellfish from classified beds in The Swale, storing and transporting shellfish to the Public Health England FWEM laboratory for analysis and all associated administration.

The contract shall commence on 1 April 2026 and terminate on 31 March 2029. The bidder/s who submit/s the Most Advantageous Tender will be awarded the contract.

Expressions of Interest and the Request for Quotation (RFQ) document must be submitted / uploaded on the Council's e-tendering portal. The closing date for submission of Expressions of Interest and the closing date for the ITT is 5 January 2026 at 12:00:00hrs.

All communication / clarifications must be submitted via the e-tendering portal.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/tenders/UK-UK-Sittingbourne:-Shellfish./7NBD48MC8P>

To respond to this opportunity, please click here:

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Total value (estimated)

- £0 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 03312200 - Shellfish
- 90714500 - Environmental quality control services

Contract locations

- UKJ4 - Kent

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

17 December 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

5 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk/delta/mainMenu.html>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Criterion 2	Quality	60%
Criterion 1	Price	40%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

Swale Borough Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJVX-4924-XHDQ

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government