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Award

Environmental Science Research, Development and Evidence (ES RDE) Framework

Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

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Scope

Reference

C28693

Description

An open framework for Scientific Research and Development (R&D) and monitoring. It will cover the following thematic areas: Food Science, Farming, Air Quality and Sound, Vegetation and Soil, Flood and Water, Marine and Fisheries, Resource and Waste, Animal Welfare and Plant Health, Biodiversity and Chemicals. Contracts under the Environmental Science Research, Development and Evidence Framework (ES RDE) will comprise creative work undertaken on a systematic basis to increase the stock of knowledge, including knowledge of man, culture and society, and the use of this stock of knowledge to devise new applications. Basic research, applied research and experimental development research will all be in scope. Evidence covers a range of sciences including economics, social research, operational research, statistics, natural science, evaluation, engineering and geography.

This notice informs the market of the award of suppliers who have been awarded a place

on a framework only. There are no guarantees of work or contract value made as a result. All 'contract' values refer to total 8-year lot values.

Due to system limitations in publishing the full volume of contracts and supplier information, all relevant details are provided in the following link:

<https://atamis-9529.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/8d000003VQwd/a/Tu000006TVo9/XLGhGwa2q41IFTohkhBVRkd0mhi0AIEwwPt9UhswU0>

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Lot a2XTu000000XIZdMAK. Food? Science

Description

1.1 - Supporting a resilient and secure food system? 1.2 - Innovation, Equitable Growth, and Productivity in the Food System 1.3 - Safety and Confidence in food? 1.4 - Supporting a sustainable and healthy agri-food chain? 1.5 - Services supporting Agri-Food Chain Analysis

Lot a2XTu000000XIZeMAK. Farming

Description

2.1 - Crop performance and protection services? 2.2 - Livestock performance services? 2.3 - Agronomy, nutrient management and sustainable system services? 2.4 - Modelling toolkits, informatics and comparative life cycle assessment services?

Lot a2XTu000000XIZfMAK. Soil and Vegetation

Description

4.1 - Soil and Vegetation

Lot a2XTu000000XIZgMAK. Marine & Fisheries?

Description

6.1 - Clean & Safe Seas ? 6.2 - Healthy & biologically diverse seas ? 6.3 - Productive seas & freshwater systems? 6.4 - Ocean climate science & international engagement? 6.5 - Society & the sea?

Lot a2XTu000000XIZhMAK. Resource & Waste?

Description

7.1 - Waste & waste management ? 7.2 - Circular Economy, Material resource efficiency and Sustainable Consumption

Lot a2XTu000000XIZiMAK. Biodiversity; International and Domestic

Description

9.1 - Nature and climate analysis 9.2 - People, finance and health 9.3 - Food systems and global trade

Lot a2XTu000000XIbFMAS. Air Quality and Sound

Description

3.1 Air quality analysis and expert services 3.2 Air quality monitoring management and data for UK Networks 3.3 Air quality Monitoring and Data Projects 3.4 Modelling tools for air quality studies 3.5 Air quality economics and social research 3.6 Acquisition and analysis of information for acoustics 3.7 Understanding and interpretation of information for acoustics

Lot a2XTu000000XIeTMAS. Flood & Water

Description

5.1 Evidence reviews for water quality, water resources, flood and coastal erosion risk management and drinking water quality 5.2 R&D for water quality, water resources, flood and coastal erosion risk management and drinking water quality

Lot a2XTu000000XIg5MAC. Animal, Plant and Forestry Research

Description

8.1 Plant Health Natural Sciences Research and Evidence 8.2 Animal Health Research and Evidence 8.3 Animal Welfare Research and Evidence 8.4 Trees and Forestry Research and Evidence

Lot a2XTu000000XIhhMAC. Chemicals

Description

10.1 Risk Assessment 10.2 Risk Management 10.3 Socio-economic Assessment 10.4

Social Research 10.5 Data Analysis and Statistics for Chemicals and Pesticides 10.6
Understanding the Risks from Chemical Pollution

Contract 1. Environmental Science Research, Development and Evidence Framework (All Lots)

Lots

Lot a2XTu000000XIZdMAK. Food? Science

Lot a2XTu000000XIZeMAK. Farming

Lot a2XTu000000XIZfMAK. Soil and Vegetation

Lot a2XTu000000XIZgMAK. Marine & Fisheries?

Lot a2XTu000000XIZhMAK. Resource & Waste?

Lot a2XTu000000XIZiMAK. Biodiversity; International and Domestic

Lot a2XTu000000XlbFMAS. Air Quality and Sound

Lot a2XTu000000XleTMAS. Flood & Water

Lot a2XTu000000Xlg5MAC. Animal, Plant and Forestry Research

Lot a2XTu000000XlhMAC. Chemicals

Supplier

- Withheld Section94 Supplier

Contract value

- £192,000,000 excluding VAT
- £230,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

5 August 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

13 August 2025

Standstill period

- End: 18 December 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

19 December 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 February 2026 to 31 January 2029
- Possible extension to 31 January 2034
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

This Open Framework will last eight years in total commencing 1st February 2026 until 31st January 2034. It will be re-opened in its third year, and again in either the fifth or sixth years as the Authority deems necessary.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Information about tenders

Lot a2XTu000000XIZdMAK. Food? Science

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts

- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Lot a2XTu000000XIZeMAK. Farming

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

Lot a2XTu000000XIZfMAK. Soil and Vegetation

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

Lot a2XTu000000XIZgMAK. Marine & Fisheries?

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Lot a2XTu000000XlZhMAK. Resource & Waste?

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

Lot a2XTu000000XlZiMAK. Biodiversity; International and Domestic

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

Lot a2XTu000000XlbFMAS. Air Quality and Sound

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Lot a2XTu000000XleTMAS. Flood & Water

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

Lot a2XTu000000XIg5MAC. Animal, Plant and Forestry Research

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

Lot a2XTu000000XIhhMAC. Chemicals

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:

- 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Submission

Submission type

Tenders

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Supplier

Withheld Section94 Supplier

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBXY-3232-WNHZ

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Withheld Town

SW1A 2AS

United Kingdom

Email: withheldemail@noreply.com

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Environmental Science Research, Development and Evidence Framework (All Lots)

Contracting authority

Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBD-3289-CDGX

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London

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United Kingdom

Email: procurement@defra.gov.uk

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government