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Tender

Archaeology Project Contractor

University of Exeter

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Scope

Reference

UOE/2025/084/CH

Description

This opportunity is for an Archaeology Project Contractor to facilitate community-focused archaeological investigations of a Roman villa complex and multi-phase settlement on land at Battens Farm and Watton Farm, Halberton, Devon, including all post-excavation assessment, analysis and publication. The project is expected to begin in February 2026 and be completed by October 2030.

Total value (estimated)

- £185,000 excluding VAT
- £222,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 13 February 2026 to 31 October 2030
- 4 years, 8 months, 16 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71351914 - Archaeological services
- 45112450 - Excavation work at archaeological sites

Contract locations

- UKK4 - Devon

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

6 January 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

13 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=100857&TID100106103&B=

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

27 January 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical Questionnaire	The technical questionnaire comprises 3 sections: 1. Written Proposal (weighted to 80%) 2. Sustainability (weighted to 10%) 3. Social Value (weighted to 10%)	Quality	70%
Pricing Submission		Price	30%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

We have not undertaken pre-market engagement for this procurement, due to previous quotes being obtained from three archaeological companies when this project was in early planning stages, and due to the market being relatively small and well-known to us. We have informed local archaeological companies about the tender opportunity, and the larger national companies

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)