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Tender

## **Soil Sample Metabarcoding for Natural England's Long Term Monitoring Network 2025 - 2026**

Natural England

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### **Changes to notice**

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Clarification Q&A added

### **Scope**

### **Reference**

NE011225SSM

## Description

This project is to analyse soil samples collected from a range of sites and time points by Natural England's Long Term Monitoring Network using metabarcoding. The project will deliver raw and taxonomically assigned data on bacteria and fungi within the samples, along with meta-data and reporting sufficient to ensure analyses are fully repeatable. As the soil samples originate from a longer term monitoring programme this project should aim to produce data comparable with previous metabarcoding analyses, as detailed in the specification.

## Total value (estimated)

- £49,500 excluding VAT
- £59,400 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

## Contract dates (estimated)

- 5 January 2026 to 25 March 2026
- 2 months, 21 days

## Main procurement category

Services

## CPV classifications

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Participation**

### **This procurement is reserved for**

UK suppliers

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Tender submission deadline**

15 December 2025, 5:00pm

### **Electronic auction will be used**

Yes

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

To apply for this opportunity you must submit your quotation meeting the requirements detailed in the Request for Quotation (RFQ) attached.

Your response must be sent to [matthew.j.shepherd@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:matthew.j.shepherd@naturalengland.org.uk) and [victoria.sloan@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:victoria.sloan@naturalengland.org.uk) by 5 pm on 15th December 2025.

If you have any clarification questions linked to this opportunity or the procurement process please submit these via email to the above email addresses. Please note that, unless commercially sensitive, both the question and the response will be circulated to all tenderers.

## **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

No

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## **Award criteria**

Full details available in the RFQ.

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Below threshold - open competition

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## **Documents**

### **Associated tender documents**

[Request for Quotation - LTMN soils metabarcoding 2025 2026.pdf](#)

RFQ

[Order Form LTMN soils metabarcoding 2025 - 2026.docx](#)

Order Form

[Commerical Response Template - LTMN soils metabarcoding 2025 - 2026.docx](#)

Commercial Response

[LTMN soils metabarcoding 2025 - 2025 clarification questions.docx](#)

NEW - Clarification Q&A

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Natural England**

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government