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Award

UK Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon (PAH) Monitoring 2025 - 2030

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

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Scope

Reference

C29783

Description

The Environment Agency on behalf of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and Devolved Administrations (DA) invite proposals to provide the Central Management and Control Unit (CMCU) and the Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) for the UK Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) Monitoring Network, from 1st March 2026 until at least 28th February 2029 with the possibility of two (2) separate one (1) year extensions (which are not guaranteed).

The Supplier will be responsible for the operation and management of the Authority's PAHs monitoring network sites and send to the Environment Agency's Monitoring Laboratories team for analysis.

Contract 1. UK Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon (PAH) Monitoring

Supplier

- Ricardo-AEA Limited

Contract value

- £2,646,899.92 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

16 December 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

16 December 2025

Standstill period

- End: 29 December 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

8 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2029
- Possible extension to 28 February 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

2 x 12 month extensions

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

3+1+1 - 2 x 12 month extension options

CPV classifications

- 90731100 - Air quality management
 - 90731400 - Air pollution monitoring or measurement services
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Information about tenders

- 2 tenders received
- 2 tenders 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
- 1 supplier unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Submission

Submission type

Tenders

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Supplier

Ricardo-AEA Limited

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The Gemini Building

Harwell

OX11 0QR

United Kingdom

Email: salesupporteam.ee@ricardo.com

Region: UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. UK Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon (PAH) Monitoring

Contracting authority

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNWW-1475-NYLN

Seacole Building, 2 Marsham Street

London

SW1P 4DF

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@defra.gov.uk

Website: <https://defra-family.force.com/s/Welcome>

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

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: Procurement facilitated via Defra group Commercial

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNBD-3289-CDGX

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Contact organisation

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