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Planning

Southern Water Littlehampton & Medway Water Recycling Plants

Southern Water Services Limited

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Changes to notice

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

Changes made to link for Southern Water Sourcing Portal to enable suppliers to register for the RFI.

Scope

Reference

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Description

Southern Water is advancing two strategic water recycling schemes, Medway and Littlehampton, to deliver up to 33.4 million litres per day of purified recycled water during drought conditions. These schemes will reduce abstraction from sensitive river systems, support environmental destinations, and ensure resilient water supplies for future generations.

The Projects respond to Environment Agency directives to reduce abstraction and to regional forecasts of supply deficits under Water Resource South East (WRSE) and Water Resource Management Plan 2024 (WRMP24) planning scenarios. The schemes are essential to meeting Southern Water's obligations under the Water Industry National Environment Programme (WINEP) and are expected to contribute to achieving environmental destination outcomes in sensitive catchments.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 January 2028 to 31 January 2048
- 20 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45232430 - Water-treatment work
 - 45240000 - Construction work for water projects
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

28 February 2026

Engagement process description

SWS are running a request for information relating to this project. To take part in this engagement please follow this link:

<https://southernwater.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=60586>

and if not registered, register for SWS sourcing portal to access the RFI.

For the avoidance of doubt, the purpose of the market engagement notice and Request for Information (RFI) is to conduct a market testing exercise only, and will not formally begin the procurement nor constitute any commitment by Southern Water to undertake any procurement exercise nor form a commercial strategy in a particular form. Any follow-up discussions are solely for information and planning purposes.

The answers you provide will be invaluable to informing Southern Water's understanding of the market and provide insight as to how we best deliver value for money to our customers.

The RFI will run from Thursday 18th December to Thursday 15th January, this period may be extended if SWS feel it beneficial to do so. Any changes to the timings will be communicated via our portal to parties who have expressed an interest and on our opportunity board.

We may undertake more targeted engagement with interested suppliers by interview.

We may run subsequent market engagement events as required.

Procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Contracting authority

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