**Contract Award Report**

1. **Background**

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| Contract / framework title | Chemicals PR24-CIP |
| Reference number | ENVWLB00511R |
| Contract Manager |  |
| Budget Approved? |  |
| Category of Spend | Services |

Brief summary of the project and contract requirement:

This project aims to develop specification for the design of Chemicals Investigation Programme (CIP4) that will guide future decision making on water company performance on chemicals for Price Review 2024 (PR24) requirements.

The Environment Agency needs to confirm PR24 (2024 Water Sector Price Review) and a detailed CIP4 (chemicals investigation programme) specification by September 2022. The approach needs to be agreed with water companies in Spring 2022 to enable detailed planning within this timeframe.

Undertaking this work will provide EA with the evidence and information needed to develop the specification for the full range of drivers to be considered in CIP4, including further investigation of emerging pollutants, sludge and groundwater.

The benefit of undertaking this project is that the specification for CIP4 guides the PR24 requirements and will set out an expectation on water companies to focus effort where they can deliver improved chemical management to the benefit of the environment as a whole to reduce pollutant loads rather than move them around.

The work involves an expert consultancy developing a technical specification for CIP4 with water companies under PR24.

1. **Terms and Conditions**

The Environment Agency Conditions of Contract for Research shall apply to this contract.

1. **Request for Quotation submissions**

* The deadline for quotation responses was 5pm on Wednesday 24th November 2021.
* 1 quote was received by the deadline
* The quote was submitted containing cost and quality information.

1. **Use of Evaluation**

Prior to the RFQ responses being received, an evaluation model was constructed. This model was used to evaluate the submissions.

All evaluators have confirmed they do not have a conflict of interest with the supplier.

1. **Conclusion**

After undertaking an assessment of the cost and quality elements of the responses, an overall score was finalised.

**Award Details**

Value *(whole life of contract)* £47,689

Supplier: Atkins

Start Date: 08 December 2021

End Date: 25 March 2022

Contract Manager:

Contract Management Arrangments:

It is expected that the contract duration will be 20 weeks.

There will be an initial start-up meeting in week 2.

The project will be invoiced three times.