

## Applying for research funding

We commission research and survey work on a contract basis to develop and support its policies.

Calls for tender are submitted through an electronic tendering system and automatically loaded onto tender advertising portals such as [Find A Tender](#), which is the UK e-notification service where procurement notices are published.

To receive email notifications about procurement opportunities you can register as a supplier.

All information on procurement opportunities, existing [contracts and tenders](#) are made publicly available. We do not publish commercially sensitive information or information that may be used to obtain an unfair competitive advantage.

## Quality assurance in our research

Together with the Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Biotechnology & Biological Sciences Research Council, and the Natural Environment Research Council we have developed a [Code of Practice to ensure that science and evidence commissioned by us is consistently of a high and reliable quality](#).

With Defra, we commissioned the United Kingdom Accreditation Service in 2006 to audit a sample of our science and evidence projects against the provisions of the Code.

Findings from the two year audit programme were disseminated and the Code has subsequently been revised as a result of the audit findings.