

Water and Civil Engineering named as delivery partners on United Utilities North West environmental programme

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United Utilities has announced another 18 partners who will help to deliver the largest environmental water programme in the North West in more than a century. The water giant recently <u>confirmed seven</u> <u>partners</u> who will help to deliver major infrastructure projects for the company between 2025 and 2030.

Avove, bWGM, Eric Wright Water, Ross-Shire, Glanua, Lagan Infrastructure, Mott MacDonald Bentley, and Stonbury will be working on process treatment facilities.

Neal Whittle, managing director of Eric Wright Water said "We're delighted to have been awarded a place on the United Utilities Lot 1 non-infrastructure framework which will support the delivery of the Amp8 programme.

"We've had the privilege of working with United Utilities for over 15 years and this new opportunity allows us to strengthen our relationship even further and continue delivering exceptional value for their customers by supporting better rivers, more ecological solutions and overall improvements in water and waste water treatment."

A further 18 companies were announced for detailed design and build projects and they'll be working with United Utilities on projects to improve its network infrastructure and process treatment facilities. The winning firms are AE Yates, Barhale, Bethell, Eric Wright Civil Engineering, Forkers, Murphy, Network Plus, Sapphire, United Living and Ward and Burke.

Gavin Hulme, operations director in Eric Wright Civil Engineering added "We are proud to have been



appointed to the United Utilities Lot 2 Infrastructure Framework. Historically we have worked on numerous United Utilities infrastructure projects and look forward to doing so again for the next 5 years."

The value of the work is around £2.75bn and will help to reduce storm overflow activations as well as upgrading water and wastewater treatment plants across the North West.

United Utilities has submitted a £13.7bn investment plan for 2025-2030 to Ofwat that would deliver cleaner rivers, more reliable water supplies and improvements to services for customers, communities and the environment.

The company will be making further announcements on partners from the local supply chain in the coming months.

Jane Simpson, Capital Delivery Director at United Utilities, said: "We're really pleased to have chosen 18 great partners who will complement the seven partners that we have already announced to help deliver our ambitious plans and transform our infrastructure across the region.

"For the first time we're engaging directly with these partners who will do the work, rather than through large management contractors. This will allow us to be more agile and ensures we have a mix of partners able to deliver at speed, whilst securing the best value for our customers."