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# Planning Early Market Engagement (EME) for Ministry of Defence - Defence Water Services Programme

Ministry of Defence - Defence Infrastructure Organisation

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# Section I: Contracting authority

## I.1) Name and addresses

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**Region code** 

UK - United Kingdom

### Internet address(es)

Main address

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-infrastructure-organisation

## I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

**Delivery Continuity Team** 

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## Internet address(es)

Main address

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/defence-infrastructure-organisation

# I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

# I.5) Main activity

Defence

# **Section II: Object**

# II.1) Scope of the procurement

### II.1.1) Title

Early Market Engagement (EME) for Ministry of Defence - Defence Water Services Programme

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 65110000 - Water distribution

### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) on behalf of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), have considered options to secure the provision of water and wastewater services, and the operation and maintenance of MOD's private water network upon the expiry of the Aquatrine PFIs in 2028 and 2030.

Given the inevitability of change in the water sector, the needs of Defence are best served at this moment in time by going to the market seeking provision for a replacement service, likely to be in the form of Managed Service Provision (MSP) contract.

The Defence Water Services Programme is looking to engage with the potential service providers and assess market interest in the selected delivery model for the service provision.

DIO will be carrying out Industry Engagement from February 2025 and seek to invite interested parties to participate in a variety of sessions such as Programme Updates, Industry Days and Bilateral discussions (a commercial in confidence meeting between two parties i.e. DIO and the requesting party). We expect this engagement to begin with an Industry Day on 13th February 2025 at Tidworth Garrison Theatre, SP9 7EP.

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

# II.2) Description

## II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 24962000 Water-treatment chemicals
- 38421100 Water meters
- 38421110 Flowmeters
- 39350000 Sewerage works equipment
- 41100000 Natural water
- 42912300 Machinery and apparatus for filtering or purifying water
- 44130000 Sewer mains
- 44160000 Pipeline, piping, pipes, casing, tubing and related items
- 44161000 Pipelines
- 45330000 Plumbing and sanitary works
- 50000000 Repair and maintenance services
- 50411100 Repair and maintenance services of water meters
- 50530000 Repair and maintenance services of machinery
- 51514110 Installation services of machinery and apparatus for filtering or purifying water
- 65100000 Water distribution and related services
- 65110000 Water distribution
- 65111000 Drinking-water distribution
- 65120000 Operation of a water-purification plant

- 65130000 Operation of water supplies
- 65500000 Meter reading service
- 75220000 Defence services
- 79993100 Facilities management services
- 90400000 Sewage services
- 90480000 Sewerage management services
- 90491000 Sewer survey services
- 90700000 Environmental services
- 90712400 Natural resources management or conservation strategy planning services
- 90713100 Consulting services for water-supply and waste-water other than for construction
- 90720000 Environmental protection
- 90733000 Services related to water pollution
- 90733100 Surface water pollution monitoring or control services
- 90733200 Surface water pollution rehabilitation services
- 90733300 Surface water pollution protection services
- 90733400 Surface water treatment services
- 90733500 Surface water pollution drainage services
- 90733600 Transboundary water pollution management or control services
- 90733700 Groundwater pollution monitoring or control services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

#### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

DIO is issuing this Notice in order to invite potential service providers to engage with DIO. Organisations who wish to attend the Industry Day on 13th February 2025 are to register their interest by 24th January 2025 via the Defence Water Services Programme Industry Day Registration Form and provide the following details:

Name of Company/Organisation

Point of Contact and contact details.

Number of attendees for this event will be limited, and spaces will be given on a first come first served basis.

For further information about the Industry Day or the programme please contact the Defence Water Services Programme multiuser <u>DIODCT-PFIRP@mod.gov.uk</u>.

In issuing this Prior Information Notice (PIN) DIO is not committing to carry out any procurement in relation to the requirements stated in this PIN. Non-participation in the Industry Day will not preclude any organisation from participating in any future competition.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

This Prior Information Notice for engagement follows the Prior Information Notice (Notice Reference: 2022/S 000-035322) published on 14th December 2022.

Aquatrine is the MOD's GB-wide water and wastewater Private Finance Initiative (PFI), providing water and wastewater services and manages environmental risk across the GB Defence Estate allowing the MOD to focus on its core business. This has

# II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 October 2025

# **Section IV. Procedure**

## **IV.1)** Description

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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