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## **IOSM Gravity Off-Load System**

Satellite Applications Catapult

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03e1ed

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Satellite Applications Catapult

Satellite Applications Catapult Ltd, Electron Building, Fermi Avenue, Harwell Campus  
Oxford, Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 0QR, UK

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#### **Email**

[procurement@sa.catapult.org.uk](mailto:procurement@sa.catapult.org.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://sa.catapult.org.uk/>

### **I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://app.panacea-software.com/SatelliteApplicationsCatapult/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://app.panacea-software.com/SatelliteApplicationsCatapult/>

### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

RTO

### **I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Space Sector

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

IOSM Gravity Off-Load System

Reference number

SAC-24-036

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 42997300 - Industrial robots

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

An overhead gantry system that will enable simulation of orbital environments by off-loading the effect of gravity on a suspended object. The system provided will be installed in the Catapult's existing facility. The system will be required to suspend objects in a free-floating manner but be able to move the object in any direction when a force is applied to it, thus simulating the in-orbit dynamics experienced during contact between space craft. Installation & commissioning of the system is to be included by the supplier.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

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

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floating manner but be able to move the object in any direction when a force is applied to it, thus simulating the in-orbit dynamics experienced during contact between space craft. Installation & commissioning of the system is to be included by the supplier.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

18 April 2024

End date

7 November 2024

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

As outlined in the procurement documentation

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

As outlined in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

As outlined in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-020267](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

14 March 2024

Local time

7:30am

**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

**IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

14 March 2024

Local time

8:00am

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Public Procurement Review Service

London

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[publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:publicprocurementreview@cabinetoffice.gov.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>