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Tender

714155450 - Personal Hard Armour Framework

Defence Equipment and Support

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The UK Ministry of Defence is establishing a Framework for the procurement of Personal Hard Armour to support its Armed Forces Personnel. The Personal Hard Armour Framework will facilitate the procurement of personal ballistic protection through the pre-approval of suppliers and will deliver agility, consistency, and financial savings in the procurement of personal hard armour - whilst encouraging innovation and optimising organisational outputs.

Defence requires the ability to procure personal hard armour in low and high quantities, with the agility to meet emerging demands.

Potential future requirements and technologies that may utilise the Framework are as below:

- a. Osprey Replacement.

- b. Reduced threat plates.
- c. Buoyant plates.
- d. Non-standard shaped plates (complex curvature).
- e. Covert plates.

The Authority therefore intends to establish a Closed, non-committal, Defence and Security Framework for an 8 year duration.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £208,333,333.33 excluding VAT
- £250,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 29 May 2026 to 28 May 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 35812300 - Combat gear
- 44431000 - Cover plates
- 18143000 - Protective gear
- 35815100 - Bullet-proof vests

Justification for not using lots

Lots have been discounted to enable suppliers more opportunities to bid and obtain work through multiple requirements rather than being specific requirements under a certain Lot. UK MOD requires flexibility to obtain a wide range of requirements over the duration of the Framework and utilise the wide supplier base under the Framework.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Prices shall be determined at the point of mini competition. In order to participate in call off competitions for a requirement, suppliers must first have a product that is qualified against that specific requirement within the framework in order to receive the Request for Quote.

Evaluation methodology of the RfQ may vary dependent on the priority of the Authority at the time.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Other Defence and Security government departments

Contracting authority location restrictions

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Details of the legal and Financial capacity requirements as part of the conditions of participation can be found in the Qualification Envelope PSQ Guidance document.

Technical ability conditions of participation

Details of the Technical ability required as part of the conditions of participation can be found in the Technical Envelope PSQ Guidance document.

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

9 February 2026, 11:59pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

17 February 2026, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

please submit electronically on the DSP - <https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/ogc-host/public/mod/web/login.html>

Link to PSQ - <https://contracts.mod.uk/go/29074572019BDB320926>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

19 May 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Commercial	all details of the Commercial requirements shall be set out in the associated Tender documents.	Quality
Technical	all details of the Technical requirements shall be set out in the associated Tender documents.	Quality

Weighting description

All elements of the Invitation to Tender evaluation methodology shall be specified in the associated Tender Documents at the ITT Stage.

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Defence and security

Competitive flexible procedure description

This procurement will be conducted using the Competitive Flexible Procedure in accordance with Procurement Regulations 2024.

This multi-stage procurement process will consist of the following stages:

1. PSQ – Procurement Specific Questionnaire
2. ITT – Invitation to Tender Stage
3. Contract Award

Conditions of Participation (COP):

Suppliers will be required to demonstrate that they meet the minimum standard for the Personal Hard Armour Framework and will be assessed on the following areas on a pass/fail basis as outlined in the PSQ and PSQ Guidance Documents issued at the same time as this notice. Suppliers who pass the PSQ stage will then be invited to submit tenders at the ITT stage.

- Legal
- Financial
- Technical Capability

Full details of the evaluation methodology will be provided in the ITT documentation to suppliers that satisfy the COP and are shortlisted to the ITT stage. Tenderers will be given appropriate time to respond with their tenders.

The final evaluation and contract award will be based solely on the award criteria set out in the ITT documentation.

There shall be no maximum number of suppliers able to be awarded a place on the Framework

Documents

Documents to be provided after the tender notice

The PSQ and PSQ Assessment Methodology will be published on the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP) via the submission address link included in this notice. Details of submission instructions can be found in the PSQ Assessment Methodology documents.

Contracting authority

Defence Equipment and Support

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government