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Planning

subsea fibre optic cable repair and maintenance services

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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Changes to notice

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Scope

Description

The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) is issuing a Request for Information (RFI) to existing and potential providers of UK flagged, UK based subsea fibre optic cable repair and maintenance services

Total value (estimated)

- £7,916,666.67 excluding VAT
- £9,500,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2046
- Possible extension to 31 March 2056
- 30 years

Main procurement category

Goods

Additional procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 50241100 - Vessel repair services
- 50332000 - Telecommunications-infrastructure maintenance services
- 50331000 - Repair and maintenance services of telecommunications lines
- 34511100 - Marine patrol vessels

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

30 January 2026

Engagement process description

Please submit all expressions of interest to Naomi.jones2@dsit.gov.uk

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

31 March 2026

Contracting authority

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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