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Tender

Military Working Dogs (MWD) - 4 Variants

Defence Equipment and Support

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Scope

Reference

715750450

Description

The Protect Delivery Team within Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) is preparing to initiate a Competitive Flexible Procedure procurement for Military Working Dogs (MWD). The MWD capabilities required are:

- Canine Protection and Detection Dog (CPAD) -Level 1
- Canine Protection and Detection Dog (CPAD) -Level 2 (Enhanced capability to Level 1)
- Specialist Search Dog (SSD)
- Mobile Ground Sensor (MGS) aka Arms and Explosives Search (AES)

Full capability requirements of each variant will be released at the Tender stage.

Total value (estimated)

- £3,152,000 excluding VAT
- £3,782,400 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2029
- Possible extension to 30 June 2036
- 10 years

Description of possible extension:

7 Option Years to extend are available to be taken 1 year at a time - the Authority reserve the right, at its absolute discretion, to not take up any or all the option(s).

Further information on the option(s) will be provided in the Invitation to Tender.

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

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Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 80512000 - Dog training services
- 98380000 - Dog kennel services
- 03325000 - Small animals

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

15 February 2026, 11:59pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

25 February 2026, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

PSQ responses to be submitted to the Authority via the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP) by the 25/02/2026. Responses submitted via any other medium will not be accepted.

PSQ Link - <https://contracts.mod.uk/go/96591920019C0F74C083>

Opportunity Listing Link -

<https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=60724>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Suppliers to be invited to tender

1 to 6 suppliers

Selection criteria:

Full details are contained within the document:

20260129-715750450_SEMIFUSED_Conditions_of_Participation-O

Award decision date (estimated)

1 June 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Project SEMIFUSED PSQ - Conditions of Participation	Suppliers will be evaluated in two stages: Stage 1 - Qualification Stage 2 - Technical Only suppliers that pass Stage 1 shall be deemed compliant and progress to Stage 2 - Technical evaluation. Most questions in Stage 1 and 2 are pass/fail questions. Questions where a 'fail' or a score of 0 will result in exclusion from the competition has been clearly identified within the evaluation criteria against each question in the Project SEMIFUSED PSQ - Conditions of Participation document. Questions within the 'Technical Ability and Project Experience' (within Stage 2) of the PSQ are weighted and scored (0/30/70/100). The weighting for this section is 100%.	Quality	100%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

- Defence and security
- Utilities

Competitive flexible procedure description

Project SEMIFUSED is currently being procured through the Competitive Flexible Procedure in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023 ('The Act').

The steps to arrive at a contract award decision are as follows:

- Project Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) - the top 6 compliant suppliers with the highest technical scores shall be invited to Invitation to Tender (ITT). Link to PSQ: <https://contracts.mod.uk/go/96591920019C0F74C083>
- ITT - the estimated ITT release date will be 1 March 2026. The estimated ITT expiry date will be 1 May 2026. Full information on the evaluation criteria, will be provided in the ITT guidance.
- Contract Award - The tenderer offering the best Value for Money (VFM), using the methodology to be laid out in the ITT guidance, will be awarded the contract.

The Authority reserves the right under the Procurement Act 2023 to:

- To cancel the procurement procedure at any stage.
- Not to award a contract as a result of the procurement process.
- Make any modifications during a competitive flexible procedure, provided that the deadline to participate or submit a first or only tender has not passed (section 31(1)(b)).
- Make non substantial modifications, during a competitive flexible procedure, up to the deadline of the final tendering stage (section 31(2)(a)).
- Refine or supplement the award criteria during a competitive flexible procedure (section 24(1)).

If there are any changes to the procedure, this will be set out in the ITT supporting documentation.

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

Pipeline Notice and PSQ published

Documents

Documents to be provided after the tender notice

Documents to support the PSQ have been provided. Documents to support the ITT will be provided. All documents will be issued via the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP).

Contracting authority

Defence Equipment and Support

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government