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Cable Landing Station Security Guidance

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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Scope

Description

Undersea cables carry 99%+ of the UK's international internet traffic. These high-capacity data flows underpin the UK's digital economy, national security, and global communications. Cable landing stations (CLS) are a critical part of the UK's subsea telecommunication cable network, acting as the physical interface between undersea cables and terrestrial infrastructure. Due to their strategic importance, CLS are high-value targets for both physical and cyber threats. The Government is committed to strengthening the security of UK cable landing stations.

To support this work, we intend to commission an accredited security consultancy to produce security guidance for CLS operators. This work will be jointly overseen by DSIT, the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and the National Protective Security Authority (NPSA).

Deliverables:

Deliverable 1: Written guidance for cable landing station operators – one report setting out bespoke security guidance for CLS operators, that sets out technical protective security

measures that operators should take, in a DSIT branded and editable format.

Deliverable 2: A presentation on the guidance and its recommendations.

Deliverable 3: An evidence compendium, setting out individual measures within the guidance and evidence in support of each measure, and identifying guidance or evidentiary gaps.

Total value (estimated)

- £93,000 excluding VAT
- £111,600 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 10 March 2026 to 5 July 2026
- 3 months, 27 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73110000 - Research services
- 75241000 - Public security services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Conditions of participation

See PQQ

Submission

Enquiry deadline

13 February 2026, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

16 February 2026, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://beisgroup.ukp.app.jaggaer.com>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
PRJ 6431- Cable Landing Station Security Guidance - Technical	See ITT	Quality	80%
PRJ 6431- Cable Landing Station Security Guidance - Price	See ITT	Price	20%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Contracting authority

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government