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Tender

The Provision of UK-based Gliding

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Description

The Ministry of Defence (MOD) requires a service provider to deliver gliding training in support of the Army Adventurous Training Centre (AATC) and the Joint Service Adventurous Training (JSAT) programme. Gliding is a key JSAT discipline, designed to enhance the leadership, resilience, and stress management skills of Service Personnel.

The service provider will deliver British Gliding Association (BGA)-compliant glider pilot training to meet the annual requirement of 72 course places, with the capacity to provide an additional 12 places if required. Training will be conducted between 1 May and 30 September each year at a licensed and Defence Safety Authority-certified airfield.

The provider will supply the necessary infrastructure, equipment, and resources, including serviceable aircraft, approved launching methods, retrieve vehicles, classrooms, and qualified instructors. The training must adhere to BGA regulations.

The contract will run for three years, with an option to extend for two additional years.

This initiative supports the development of operational capability within Defence by providing high-quality adventurous training opportunities.

Total value (estimated)

- £439,166.67 excluding VAT
- £527,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2029
- Possible extension to 30 April 2031
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Two additional one-year periods.

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Two additional one-year periods.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80531200 - Technical training services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

See tender documents and Defence Sourcing Portal.

Technical ability conditions of participation

See tender documents and Defence Sourcing Portal.

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Tender submission deadline

6 March 2026, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://contracts.mod.uk/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

31 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type
Weighted Value for Money (WVfM) Index	Quality

Weighting description

This approach divides the total score of the non-cost (Technical and Social Value) criteria by the tender cost. It ranks tenders on the amount of quality (represented by the non-cost technical score) for each £ of cost

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVX-4316-ZVGZ

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government