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Planning

714437450 - Hearing Protection Communication and Situational Awareness (HPCSA)

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Description

The Hearing Protection Communication and Situation Awareness (HPCSA) programme wishes to horizon scan emerging technologies to address Armoured Fighting Vehicle (AFV) crew and Dismount Close Combat personnel noise environments with a communications hearing protection and situational awareness system that provides the required levels of attenuation for impulse and continuous noise in conformance with the Control of Noise at Work Regulations (CNAWR) 2005.

This notice is to inform the Market of an Early Market Engagement Exercise (EME) with the follow on procurement currently estimated to begin in July 2026.

Total value (estimated)

- £250,000,000 excluding VAT
- £300,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2032
- Possible extension to 31 March 2037
- 10 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 18143000 - Protective gear
- 18443300 - Headgear
- 18444100 - Safety headgear
- 64216110 - Electronic data exchange services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

30 June 2025

Engagement process description

This notice is to inform the Market of an Early Market Engagement Exercise (EME) led by Defence Digital's Tactical Systems Service Executive (TacSys SE) in collaboration with the Army's Hearing Protection Communication Situational Awareness (HPCSA) Programme. The EME exercise will be in the form of a Request for Information (RFI) in MS Forms followed by a Market Interest Day event scheduled for Thursday 15th May 2025 at Warminster Garrison. More information can be found on the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP) a link to which will accompany this Notice.

Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 July 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Defence and security

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVX-4316-ZVGZ

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government