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Planning

MHC Block 2 Procurement of Uncrewed Underwater Vehicles (UUV)-UK2

Defence Equipment and Support

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Scope

Reference

714195450

Description

Mine Hunting Capability (MHC) Team Block 2 procurement of Uncrewed Underwater Vehicles, associated equipment and in-service support.

Total value (estimated)

- £125,000,000 excluding VAT

- £150,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2029
- Possible extension to 31 May 2032
- 6 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 35512400 - Unmanned underwater vehicles

Engagement

Engagement deadline

31 May 2025

Engagement process description

This Early Market Engagement Notice is to give industry advance notice of the Authority's proposed procurement of up to 24 Uncrewed Underwater Vehicles (UUV) and 8 Launch and Recovery Systems (LARS) for mine hunting and seabed surveillance purposes, and

to gain feedback from potential suppliers via the completion of a set of specific procurement-related questions. This requirement is part of the Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S) Mine Hunting Capability (MHC) Block 2 programme.

Suppliers who do not submit a response to this Preliminary Market Engagement Notice/RFI will not be precluded from participating in any subsequent MHC Block 2 UUV competitive procurement process.

Suppliers should note that following the conclusion of this RFI the Authority may, at its sole discretion, decide to proceed with the MHC Block 2 UUV procurement as planned, via a different procurement route or not to proceed.

The purpose of this Early Market Engagement Notice/RFI is for the Authority to gather information and is not a commitment to future procurement activity.

For further information and participation instructions, please access the link to the Authority's AWARD Portal below and following registration (if no existing AWARD account) refer to the attachment titled 'DSP Preliminary Market Engagement Notice-MHC Block 2 UUVs-O'.

<https://award.commercedecisions.com/dsp/web/project/a91085a3-2acc-4aad-8803-7a924220eb28/register>

When registering for a new AWARD account, suppliers should complete each field as below:

- Organisation - This is the Supplier name
- Contact Name - This is the name of the Supplier User (A single supplier user should register initially)
- Phone and email - We recommend against using group email boxes for AWARD
- The password is a minimum of 12 characters with at least one of each of the following:
 - o Lowercase letter
 - o Uppercase letter
 - o Number
 - o Symbol

Clarification Questions can be raised by suppliers within the AWARD portal to request

additional user accounts once access to AWARD has been granted.

Once suppliers have access to the system and have logged in, they can enter the Project from the My AWARD > Home screen.

Once in the project, suppliers can navigate to Project > Communications > Clarifications and Create a Clarification to request their additional Supplier Users.

Suppliers should note that no ITAR material should be uploaded to the AWARD portal.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 August 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Defence and security

Contracting authority

Defence Equipment and Support

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVRL-5831-GLMM

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government