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Planning

715728455 - Procurement and In-Service Support of Remote Case Entry (RCE) System - UK2

Defence Equipment and Support

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Scope

Reference

715728455 - Procurement and In-Service Support of Remote Case Entry (RCE) System

Description

The PROTECT Delivery Team (DT) are considering initiating a project for the Procurement and In-Service Support of 3 Remote Case entry systems with the option to procure and support a further 3 systems.

The Remote Case Entry system shall provide a portable abrasive cutting capability, capable of performing cuts either remotely or semi-remotely through materials up to 40mm thick mild steel cases of Air Dropped weapons, and it should be operable at a safe distance of 250m. The cutting process must be designed to generate no significant heat, thereby mitigating the risk of inadvertently triggering or activating any sensitive devices in the vicinity. The system is expected to be portable, deployable, and robust, suitable for use in all environmental conditions.

It is the Authority's intention to award a Contract for delivery of equipment and 10 years of In-Service Support from Full Operating Capability (FOC) including options, for a supplier to deliver this requirement and provide maintenance, training and supportability (through life support). A total contract duration of 11 Years and 4 months, including options.

It is the Authority's intent to invite participation from suppliers who can demonstrate they are commercially compliant and can meet the technical requirements.

The Authority intends to release a Project Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) associated with this opportunity, currently scheduled for 27 February 2026. This an estimated date and subject to change.

Please note market engagement was previously conducted in the form of supplier briefs and can be found here:

FTS – Project 1 - 2024/S 000-021192

CF – Project 1 - 71160d74-a7a5-430e-97e8-4e79bad8ee52

In issuing this UK2 notice, The Authority is not committing to commence with any procurement in relation to the requirements stated in this Notice.

Total value (estimated)

- £5,308,000 excluding VAT
- £6,369,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 December 2026 to 16 April 2036
- Possible extension to 16 April 2038
- 11 years, 4 months, 1 day

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 35333100 - Bombs
- 35300000 - Weapons, ammunition and associated parts

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

9 August 2024

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

27 February 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Defence and security

Contracting authority

Defence Equipment and Support

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVRL-5831-GLMM

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Region: UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Organisation type: Public authority - central government