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Planning

## **UK2 - Preliminary Market Engagement (Sonar Modelling Handbook)**

Defence Science and Technology Laboratory

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

RQ0000075692

### **Description**

The Sonar Modelling Handbook (SMH) has been the standard reference for modelling, data and metrics across the UK defence underwater acoustic enterprise for multiple decades, supporting work within the MoD, industry and academia. It provides visibility to UK industry and academia of what the MoD considers the best information available and supports consistency in performance modelling across the UK enterprise.

As Dstl embarks on a significant refresh of the SMH material and presentation for the digital era, including incorporation of the latest theory and data, and commissioning specific research, it is seeking to engage industry and academia across the UK to provide input as to the way ahead at a Preliminary Market Engagement Event (PMEE). This will include new mechanisms for refreshed limitations on dissemination.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 August 2025 to 31 March 2032
- 6 years, 8 months

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 98360000 - Marine services
- 38113000 - Sonars

### **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Engagement**

## **Engagement deadline**

26 May 2025

## **Engagement process description**

Interested parties must contact Dstl Commercial to provide an overview of subject matter expertise and request attendance at the Preliminary Market Engagement Event (PMEE). You will be required to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) and submit suitable information for security vetting prior to invitation.

The PMEE will be held on 05/06/2025. Attendance costs will not be covered. It is hoped that supplier engagement will inform Dstl's approach to an industry-wide agreement for the future publication and utilisation of the SMH.

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

1 July 2025

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## Procedure

### Special regime

Defence and security

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## Contracting authority

### Defence Science and Technology Laboratory

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDDM-1961-MTLN

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

