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Planning

Supply and Maintenance of Walk through Archways, Hand-held Wands and Hardware Detection Poles

Ministry of Justice

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Changes to enquiry deadline and tender submission deadline

Scope

Description

The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) is exploring the capability and capacity of the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) market for the supply of a Metal Detection equipment, including dual sensor ferro and non-ferro magnetic metal detection archways, handheld detectors, and portable detection poles. The MoJ are taking this approach to support the HMPPS estate for the duration of the Agreement and estimated asset life of the equipment. The tender is expected to be published in September 2025.

Metal detection capability forms an important part of front-end security in prisons at staff, prisoner, and visitor gates. The Archways are part of a wider capability which looks to prevent contraband from entering prisons through multiple routes. The use of handheld wands and portable detection poles by prison staff provide essential avenues for searching for threats by scanning people, objects, specific areas and bags respectively. Archways, Hand-held Wands and Poles used in conjunction have a major impact on reducing conveyance routes for contraband entering prisons through Staff Gate Entry, Prisoner Visits and Prisoner reception by detecting threats related to SIM cards, mobiles phones and razor blades amongst other metallic threat items.

The Authority will aggregate the project into three lots to allow suppliers to bid for one or more lots based on capability in meeting metal and wider threat detection requirements. The Lots will be formulated as the following:

- Lot 1- Dual sensor ferro and non-ferro magnetic metal detection archways
- Lot 2- Handheld Detectors
- Lot 3- Portable Detection Poles

Lots and details of technical specifications for equipment are liable to change to this currently being in pre-procurement stage.

To submit an Expression of Interest for the above requirement, please complete the following form <https://forms.office.com/e/mMZdhibyvk> by Tuesday 10th June (17.00GMT).

All submissions will only be viewable by the Ministry of Justice, treated with commercial sensitivity and will not be shared outside of the Commercial Team.

Total value (estimated)

- £5,666,250 excluding VAT
- £6,799,500 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2026 to 30 January 2036
- 9 years, 6 months, 30 days

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 35121000 - Security equipment
- 50610000 - Repair and maintenance services of security equipment

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Lot 1. Dual Sensor Multi Zone Walk Through Archway Metal Detectors and Maintenance Provision

Description

Dynamic Metal Detector that reacts to metal masses external and concealed to the body, both of ferromagnetic and non-magnetic type, transiting through its antenna. No greater than 2400 mm height, 900mm wide. Sensitivity and audio alarm adjustable.

An ongoing 4-10-year maintenance provision of Archways including: Minimum of 2 Planned Preventative Maintenance Visits per annum, Reactive Callouts and spare part holding throughout England & Wales

Lot value (estimated)

- £3,476,750 excluding VAT
- £4,172,100 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Dual Detection Handheld Wands

Description

Handheld paddle type metal detector. Single Handed Operation, less than 3KG, Capable of detecting Ferrous and Non-ferrous metals including stainless steel on the body and within/concealed in the body.

Lot value (estimated)

- £552,000 excluding VAT
- £662,400 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Lot 3. Hardware Detection Poles

Description

Device to be no greater than 2000mm (height) and 800mm (width). Unit must be able to fit through a 30-inch standard door width when disassembled. Minimum of 12 hours continuous battery life, >15kg including device, carry case and accessories. Minimum of 1 metre pass by detection. Capable of detecting ferromagnetic and nonmagnetic type threats and must be capable of detection when threat obstructed by full body for pass by detection within operational range of the equipment.

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,637,500 excluding VAT
- £1,965,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Participation

This procurement is reserved for

Supported employment providers

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Dual Sensor Multi Zone Walk Through Archway Metal Detectors and Maintenance Provision

Lot 2. Dual Detection Handheld Wands

Lot 3. Hardware Detection Poles

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

23 March 2026

Enquiry deadline

20 April 2026, 5:00pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

30 April 2026, 5:00pm

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

15 June 2026

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Contracting authority

Ministry of Justice

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