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Planning

Provision of Trade and Diplomatic Plates 2026

Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency

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Changes to notice

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

Details of Supplier Day added onto the original notice.

Scope

Reference

CRN/25/31

Description

The procurement will be for the provision of trade and diplomatic plates to support the needs of DVLA and the end users of the products.

Total value (estimated)

- £2,122,000 excluding VAT
- £2,546,400 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2029
- Possible extension to 31 December 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 34300000 - Parts and accessories for vehicles and their engines

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

10 May 2026

Engagement process description

DVLA's current contract for the manufacture and supply of Trade and Diplomatic Plates is expiring in December 2026, and as a result, we are now beginning the process of engaging with key suppliers to gather market intelligence to help inform our requirements.

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DVLA intends to procure a single supplier contract for the manufacture, secure supply, and destruction of:

- Trade Plates
- Diplomatic Plates

This PME seeks early market insight, capability feedback, and innovation suggestions to inform the final specification and procurement approach.

DVLA intends to host a live Q&A session via Microsoft Teams on 11/03/2026 at 10:00 am for all Suppliers who register an interest and wish to find out more information about this exciting opportunity. This session will include:

- ? Overview of contract context, requirements, timelines and volumes
- ? Open question time with transparent responses
- ? Sharing of Q&A outputs with all participants
- ? Opportunity for Suppliers to highlight innovations, emerging capabilities and service improvements

- ? An opportunity to meet the Business and Commercial team responsible for running the procurement.

Following the initial session, suppliers who wish to request an optional one to one engagement slot are asked to confirm this when responding to register their interest, so that appointments can be allocated in advance.

DVLA encourages open, fair and transparent procurement and omission from the DVLA's Q&A session shall not prejudice against the supplier's ability to be invited to tender for the work. It should be noted that responding to this email does not place the supplier into an advantageous position nor are there any obligations bound by attendance. Following the Q&A session, DVLA anticipates issuing the Invitation to Tender (ITT) in May 2026.

If you wish to register your interest, please contact Allison on the following email address by Monday 9th March 2026. (Allison.fry@dvla.gov.uk)

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

11 May 2026

Contracting authority

Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency

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