This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <a href="https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/018640-2025">https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/018640-2025</a>

**Planning** 

# Framework for Applied Science Technology Engineering Requirements (FASTER)

Met Office

UK2: Preliminary market engagement notice - Procurement Act 2023 - <u>view information</u> <u>about notice types</u>

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-018640

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-050b18 (view related notices)

Published 2 May 2025, 9:15am

This is an old version of this notice. View the latest version.

## Scope

#### Reference

DN772326

## **Description**

FASTER will be a Framework of suppliers up to the value of £32,400,000 including VAT. It will be an Open Framework. The plan will be to open up the Framework to any new entrants within the first 3 years of the Framework duration and is planned to be in place for up to 8 years (maximum).

The FASTER will be the principal mechanism by which the Met Office seeks to secure skills and capacity from UK Industrial and Academic Institutions in support of the delivery of Met Office requirements relating to the application of weather and climate science.

FASTER aims to cover the use of scientific techniques and knowledge alongside technology solutions to explore and understand real world questions and challenges experienced by customers and end users of our weather and climate information and subsequently develop mitigation approaches and prototype solutions.

#### Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

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

- £27,000,000 excluding VAT
- £32,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 July 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2034
- 8 years

## Main procurement category

Services

#### **CPV** classifications

72222300 - Information technology services

73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

#### **Contract locations**

UK - United Kingdom

## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

30 September 2025

#### **Engagement process description**

Met Office is about to commence market engagement activities to shape its thinking relating to sourcing the Framework for Applied Science Technology & Engineering Requirements (FASTER).

The Proactis EOI stage, through Proactis will go live on the 9 May 2025.

Any interested suppliers are asked to register their organisation on Proactis if they haven't already.

Suppliers need to register their interest by pressing the EOI button once the EOI is live (9 May). There will be an on-line event on 5 June 9am -12 Noon to provide an overview of the Framework requirements. This will also be a chance for suppliers to ask questions. All Q&A will be submitted through the Proactis Portal.

Once an EOI is submitted please provide via the Proactis system who will be attending from your organisation (up to 2 representatives) by completing the box in the form. This session will be run via Teams. If for any reason you cannot make the session we will collate an anonymised transcript and Q&A and make this available to all interested suppliers through the Proactis Portal.

The intention is also to have a Face to Face event in the Autumn 2025. Exact details of

this will be	issued in d	lue course	through the	Proactis Portal.

# **Participation**

## Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

## **Submission**

## Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

31 October 2025

# **Contracting authority**

#### **Met Office**

• Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVZW-3234-DTLY

Met Office

Exeter

EX1 3PB

**United Kingdom** 

Email: procurement.enquiries@metoffice.gov.uk

Website: http://www.metoffice.gov.uk

Region: UKK43 - Devon CC

Organisation type: Public authority - central government