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Planning

Framework for Applied Science Technology Engineering Requirements (FASTER)

Met Office

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Changes to notice

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

1. A link has now been included linking directly to Proactis - copy this link and paste into your search engine to take you directly to the opportunity to register your interest and download the EME document.

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.

This link will take you to the opportunity in the Proactis E-Tendering System:

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=9a809f0c-262b-f011-8136-005056b64545>

Copy this URL and paste into the search engine and it will take you directly to the early market engagement for FASTER.

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

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Suppliers need to register their interest by pressing the EOI button once the EOI is live (7 May). There will be an on-line event via MS Teams 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 messaging system who will be attending from your organisation (up to 2 representatives) or by completing the box in the form and sending the form back to us through Proactis. This session will be run via MS 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 due 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

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