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## **Full scale model of International Space Station Columbus module**

Satellite Applications Catapult

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-020271

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03e1f1

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Satellite Applications Catapult

Electron Building, Fermi Avenue, Harwell

Didcot

OX11 0QR

#### **Email**

[procurement@sa.catapult.org.uk](mailto:procurement@sa.catapult.org.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://sa.catapult.org.uk/>

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA42845](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA42845)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

RTO

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Space Sector

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Full scale model of International Space Station Columbus module

Reference number

SAC-24-017-E

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 34999400 - Scale models

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Satellite Applications Catapult is seeking a suitable provider to build a full-scale model of a space station module. The model will be used as part of the Catapult's IOSM facility to evaluate robotics, tools, and techniques. The model is to be cylindrical and be 8m long and 4m diameter. It should be mounted on a suitable transport jig to allow movement around the facility to suit the needs of projects. This jig should include a method of locking it in place for test campaigns. The model should feature a framework suitable for mounting robots up to 30kg in weight externally and internally. Internally this framework should provide a 2.5m wide x 2.5m high working space within the model and allow the fitting of standard equipment racks based on the International Standard Payload Rack format. This should include a floor structure suitable for human operators. Externally the model should feature removable panels with suitable mounting points for equipment to be fitted as required.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £400,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Westcott

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

This is a prior information notice outlining this potential requirement to make the market aware of the potential upcoming need. If this progresses, procurement documentation will be published on the MyTenders portal and will be conducted by a competitive procurement process. We do not have further information to share at this point. Please ensure that you have registered your interest on the MyTenders portal to receive further updates about this opportunity.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Additional background information is provided in the downloadable document “Background SAC IOSM Facility” – if you are having issues locating this document, please contact [procurement@sa.catapult.org.uk](mailto:procurement@sa.catapult.org.uk) to request a copy.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

15 September 2023

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

We are issuing a series of PINs related to this requirement. It is worth noting that not all of these will progress to contract but work is still underway to determine our preferred options.

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