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Planning

Project OBERON

Ministry of Defence

F16: Prior information notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

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General address of the contracting authority/entity

<https://des.mod.uk/>

Address of the buyer profile

<https://des.mod.uk/>

Further information

Further information can be obtained from the above mentioned contact point(s)

I.2) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Space Delivery Team, Defence Equipment and Support

I.3) Main activity

Defence

I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities

The contracting authority/entity is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities:

No

Section II: Object

II.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority/entity:

Project OBERON

II.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Supplies

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Space Delivery Team, Defence Equipment and Support, Ministry of Defence.

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

II.3) Information on framework agreement

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement: No

II.4) Short description of nature and scope of works or nature and quantity or value of supplies or services

The UK MOD are developing a space-based Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) capability. To support the development of this capability, Dstl have provided UK defence with ISR mission options, one of which is OBERON.

The Oberon mission will develop and deliver a Day/Night, all weather capable, high-performance SAR satellite capability, providing freedom of action to conduct ISR activities and demonstrate an operational capability to defence forces. This will enable the development of Defence requirements and, in addition, support allied partner activities.

The Oberon mission is planned to consist of three satellites flying in a close cluster formation. Each satellite will carry a primary SAR and, desirably, a secondary passive RF payload.

OBERON will provide a platform for Defence to explore and develop novel and improved ISR solutions to meet Defence requirements. OBERON will be a constituent part of the future ISR constellation under programme ISTARI and will provide underpinning capabilities for future generations of UK MOD ISR platforms.

Approvals are ongoing - Estimated cost currently unknown.

Estimated value excluding VAT

£0

II.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 34712000 - Spacecraft, satellites and launch vehicles

II.6) Scheduled date for start of award procedures and duration of the contract

End date: 28 February 2025

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions relating to the subcontract

III.1.1) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:

Financing conditions and payment terms will be outlined within the terms and conditions of the Framework Agreement, and specific Framework call-off tasking documentation.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about European Union funds

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:
No

VI.2) Additional information

The Contracting Authority intends to use an e-Tendering system in this procurement exercise, please visit www.contracts.mod.uk for full details and to register your interest in this procurement.

VI.3) Information on general regulatory framework

Relevant governmental Internet sites where information can be obtained

Tax legislation

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/all?title=tax>

HM Revenue and Customs

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-help>

Environmental protection legislation

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/43/contents>

ACAS

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/pay-and-work-rights>

Employment protection and working conditions

[Employment protection \(hse.gov.uk\)](https://www.hse.gov.uk/employment-protection/)

Environment Agency

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency>