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Pipeline

Provision of Armed Forces Compulsory Drug Testing Programme

Ministry of Defence

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The Armed Forces Compulsory Drug Testing Programme is the largest occupational drug-testing programme in Europe and was established in January 1995. It is designed to reduce the incidence of substance misuse in the Armed Forces by detection and deterrence underpinned by education and policy. Currently between 75,000 and 140,000 samples are collected per annum. In addition to testing for drug misuse, there is also the requirement for the contractor to conduct screening for steroids and new psychoactive substances.

The programme involves the analysis of urine samples of service personnel. Samples are collected by Armed Forces collection teams and transported to the laboratory of the Authority's urinalysis contractor.

The programme also requires research and scientific support. These areas are included in this contract, which is structured to provide maximum flexibility to cope with change during its life.

Total value (estimated)

- £15,000,000 excluding VAT
- £18,000,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Main category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85121292 - Urologist services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

19 July 2025

Procedure

Above or below total value threshold

Above or equal to threshold

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

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