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Pipeline

714917452 - Handheld Pinpoint, Complex Terrain Metal Detector - Pipeline Notice - UK1

Defence Equipment and Support

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Scope

Description

The Project Delivery team (DT) are considering initiating a project to procure and support 800 (Approx) Commercial off the Shelf Handheld complex terrain pinpoint metal detect capability

The detectors have the following requirements:

The handheld Metal detector shall be a single handheld stand and point detector, to provide a location and confirmation metal detect capability. The detector should have capability to remove known metallic background noise within the location of a suspected item. This is a stand and point detection requirement, within complex and metal saturated terrain

The capability shall be Man-portable, deployable and robust for deployment in all environmental climates and at all scales to detect and locate the presence or absence of Explosive Ordnance (EO) and Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs)

The equipment shall be supportable over a 10-year period from Initial Operation Capability (anticipated 1 years post contract award) with the ability to procure additional

systems if required during this time. The total contract duration, including options is 11 years.

It is the Authority's intent to invite participation from suppliers who can demonstrate they are commercially compliant and can meet the technical requirements of being able to support the project. Which includes through life technical support, including software and maintenance updates.

The Authority intends to release a Project Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) associated with this opportunity, currently scheduled for October 2026. Please note this is an estimated date and subject to change.

It is the Authority's intention to award a Contract for the delivery of equipment and 10 years of In-Service Support including options for a supplier to deliver this requirement and provide maintenance, training and supportability (through life support) for each capability. The project has a forecasted through-life value of ~£6.7m (ex VAT).

The Authority will be conducting all applicable advertising and potential procurement exercises via the Defence Sourcing Portal (DSP). Interested parties are strongly encouraged to review the information published by DSP. Interested parties will need to gain access to DSP to ensure they acquire the most up to date information.

Please note market engagement was previously conducted in the form of Supplier Briefs, meetings at DSEI, Industry and demonstration days, reference;

FTS - 2023-042573 - CF - ca5aa8dc-d65c-49f5-b37a-6a55fd3fe00f

FTS - 2024-041534 – CF - a5324c0e-8d34-48da-bfe5-f6a37e10e33d

FTS - 2024-042248 - CF - 5913c291-f06d-44b1-a3e6-64bce510af4f

The information provided within the UK1 notice is estimated and subject to change, it is not a commitment by the Authority to proceed with the procurement.

Total value (estimated)

- £6,700,000 excluding VAT
- £8,000,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 January 2028 to 31 January 2035
- Possible extension to 31 January 2039
- 11 years, 1 day

Main category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 38546100 - Bomb detectors
- 35124000 - Metal detectors

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 October 2026

Procedure

Special regime

Defence and security

Above or below total value threshold

Above or equal to threshold

Contracting authority

Defence Equipment and Support

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVRL-5831-GLMM

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government