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Tender

Active Debris Removal (ADR) Phase 3 Research and Development Service

UK Space Agency

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Scope

Reference

UKSAC24_0095

Description

This notice relates to the intended procurement for a contract which is an exempted contract under s 3(6) and Schedule 2, Part 2 (Subject-matter exempted contracts), paragraph 22 (Research and Development Services) of the Procurement Act 2023 (the 'Act'). Exempted contracts are not a public contract as defined in s3 of the Act and therefore are not required to be procured in accordance with the provisions of the Act that relate to a covered procurement.

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The UK Active Debris Removal Phase 3 Research and Development Service (ADR Mission) is a UK national project that aims to support the In-Orbit Servicing and Manufacturing ("ISAM") and Sustainability priorities set out in the UK Space Agency's

Corporate Plan as well as the National Space Strategy (NSS) ambitions to lead the global effort to make space more sustainable.

The ADR Mission requires the safe capture and subsequent removal of two UK-licensed defunct satellites in the congested LEO region (Client Satellites) by the Servicer Satellite. These Client Satellites must be unprepared for capture; that is, not fitted with technologies intended to aid ISAM, such as docking plates and fiducial markers. The Client Satellites must also be completely uncooperative and will have been passivated to ensure safe capture by the Servicer.

Through this Procurement, the Authority will select one Supplier to deliver the UK ADR Mission. The Supplier will deliver the Contract in accordance with the Authority's requirements as specified in Schedule 2: Service Description of the Contract.

For further information, please see the notice available on [competefor.com](https://www.competefor.com), or access the e-sourcing platform.

Total value (estimated)

- £63,000,000 excluding VAT
- £75,600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 30 March 2026 to 30 March 2031
- 5 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 34712000 - Spacecraft, satellites and launch vehicles
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services
- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

16 July 2025, 5:00pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

31 July 2025, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

UKSA will be using the Jaggaer eSourcing Portal for this procurement which is managed by UK Shared Business Services (UKSBS)

To register on the Jaggaer eSourcing portal please use the link <https://beisgroup.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/> and follow the instructions to register as a supplier.

If you are already registered on the Jaggaer eSourcing Portal and wish to participate in this procurement, please use the link: <https://beisgroup.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/>.

Once you are logged into the system you will be able to locate the Procurement you wish to respond to by clicking the ITTs Open to All Suppliers and searching for the reference number itt_2167.

Please review the attachments on the e-sourcing platform to ensure you understand the requirements and the procurement process which will help you to decide whether or not you wish to participate in this procurement. Please note all responses to this ITT must be submitted through the eSourcing portal.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
N/A	This is an exempt procurement and publication of this information in a notice on the find a tender service is not required.	Cost

Weighting description

This is an exempt procurement and publication of this information in a notice on the find a tender service is not required.

This notice is for information only.

See the notice on competefor.com, or the procurement documentation available via the e-sourcing platform detailed below.

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

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Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://beisgroup.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/>

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<https://www.competefor.com/>

The full procurement notice is available on this site, registration is required.

Contracting authority

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