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Pipeline

Provision of Aerial Surveillance for HMCG

Maritime and Coastguard Agency

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Scope

Description

HM Coastguard (HMCG) helicopters and planes, provided under the UKSAR2G contract, have a primary role to provide search and rescue. However, they undertake a range of other missions in support of wider MCA objectives and those of other government departments.

In addition the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) require an Aerial Surveillance service to provide near real time situational awareness in support of specialised SAR operations.

Therefore the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) is planning to undertake a procurement for this additional Aerial Surveillance service. HMCG will procure for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance assets that can supply the information required. This service will not require national coverage.

Potentially, during a high-risk times, a Coastguard surveillance asset could be operating for a full 24-hour period extending into consecutive days and sometimes weeks

Contract dates (estimated)

- 7 January 2027 to 31 December 2032
- 5 years, 11 months, 25 days

Main category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60443100 - Air-sea rescue services
- 79714000 - Surveillance services

Submission

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Contracting authority

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