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Planning

Army Land Tactical Deep Find Project Corvus

Defence Equipment and Support

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Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-041060

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05034c

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Scope

Description

Procurement of an Uncrewed Air System capability to support the Army Land Tactical Deep Find 24-hr Persistent Surveillance Requirement

Total value (estimated)

- £130,000,000 excluding VAT
- £156,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2031

- Possible extension to 30 April 2036
- 10 years

Description of possible extension:

Potential for a x 5 year support extension

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Potential Options to procure additional equipment and support

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 35613000 - Unmanned aerial vehicles

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

31 October 2025

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

1 November 2025, 11:59pm

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 April 2026

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Defence and security

Competitive flexible procedure description

Planned Procurement Notice Information:

The Project Corvus Competitive Flexible competitive procurement will include a Participation Phase, with a Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) being released by end July 2025 (estimated). The PSQ purpose is to gather further information and to identify potential tenderers who can participate in the competition. Responses to questions asked will be assessed by the Authority, therefore potential PSQ responses will need to include as much evidence as possible to provide a level of confidence to enable Authority decisions on Participation including any Authority decision not to invite tenderers to submit their bids.

A virtual Bidders Conference may take place to allow for final questions and information sharing before tender submissions.

IMPORTANT: In order to participate, suppliers will need to be registered to receive the PSQ and subsequent Tender documentation via the Commerce Decisions AWARD tool. All potential tenderers can register in preparation for the relevant information being available soon.

<https://award.commercedecisions.com/corvus/web/project/c258ac4d-9685-43a9-b3ca-6679af094b28/register>

Current Planned Step Process (noting this may be subject to change):

STAGE 1 HMT PRE-MARKET ENGAGEMENT (PME) (Preliminary Engagement Notice UK 2) (COMPLETE)

STAGE 2 PME QUESTIONNAIRE EVALUATION AND RESPONSES (COMPLETE)

STAGE 3 PME NOTICE 2 (COMPLETE)

STAGE 3A PLANNED PROCUREMENT NOTICE

STAGE 4 TENDER NOTICE AND PROCUREMENT SPECIFIC QUESTIONNAIRE (PSQ)

STAGE 5 PSQ RESPONSES ASSESSMENT AND MODERATION

STAGE 6 IDENTIFY PARTICIPATING TENDERERS AND INFORM SUPPLIERS NOT INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

STAGE 7 INVITATION TO TENDER (ITT) RELEASE

STAGE 8 ITT CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS OPEN (ICQ)

STAGE 9 POTENTIAL VIRTUAL BIDDERS CONFERENCE

STAGE 10 FINAL ICQ RESPONSES ISSUED BY AUTHORITY

STAGE 11 TENDERS SUBMITTED

STAGE 12 AUTHORITY CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS (ACQ)

STAGE 13 INITIAL TENDER ASSESSMENT (WITH PASS FAIL ON KEY REQUIREMENTS)

STAGE 14 NOTIFY TENDERERS NOT PROCEEDING TO FULL TENDER ASSESSMENT (OPTIONAL)

STAGE 15 FULL TENDER ASSESSMENT AND ACQ FREEZE

STAGE 16 IDENTIFY PREFERRED SUPPLIER

STAGE 17 CONTRACT AWARD AND STANDSTILL

Contracting authority

Defence Equipment and Support

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVRL-5831-GLMM

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Region: UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Organisation type: Public authority - central government