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Planning

MHC Block 2 Procurement of Uncrewed Underwater Vehicles (UUV)-UK2

Defence Equipment and Support

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Notice updated to reflect conclusion of the Authority's Request for Information activity.

Scope

Reference

714195450

Description

Mine Hunting Capability (MHC) Team Block 2 procurement of Uncrewed Underwater Vehicles, associated equipment and in-service support.

Total value (estimated)

- £125,000,000 excluding VAT
- £150,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 29 June 2026 to 31 May 2029
- Possible extension to 31 May 2032
- 5 years, 11 months, 2 days

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 35512400 - Unmanned underwater vehicles
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

30 May 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

UPDATE 24/07/2025 - The Request For Information activity for this requirement has concluded as of 30th May 2025, and submissions to participate from potential suppliers is no longer invited. Please refer to the related UK3 Planned Procurement Notice published on 3rd July for updated details of the planned timescales for this requirement.

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This Early Market Engagement Notice is to give industry advance notice of the Authority's proposed procurement of up to 24 Uncrewed Underwater Vehicles (UUV) and 8 Launch and Recovery Systems (LARS) for mine hunting and seabed surveillance purposes, and to gain feedback from potential suppliers via the completion of a set of specific procurement-related questions. This requirement is part of the Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S) Mine Hunting Capability (MHC) Block 2 programme.

Suppliers who do not submit a response to this Preliminary Market Engagement Notice/RFI will not be precluded from participating in any subsequent MHC Block 2 UUV competitive procurement process.

Suppliers should note that following the conclusion of this RFI the Authority may, at its sole discretion, decide to proceed with the MHC Block 2 UUV procurement as planned, via a different procurement route or not to proceed.

The purpose of this Early Market Engagement Notice/RFI is for the Authority to gather information and is not a commitment to future procurement activity.

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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

16 October 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Defence and security

Contracting authority

Defence Equipment and Support

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVRL-5831-GLMM

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government