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Pipeline

Autonomous Collaborative Platform Tranche 2

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Scope

Reference

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Description

In March 2024 the MOD published the RAF Autonomous Collaborative Platforms Strategy that defines the RAF's vision for procurement of ACPs to support their future capability requirements. In May 2025 the MOD announced the delivery of StormShroud Mk1 into service, marking the first ACP to be formally delivered to the RAF.

In June 2025 the MOD published the Strategic Defence Review which recommended "the RAF must stay at the leading edge of combat air's evolution, through the transition from exclusively crewed combat air platforms to a Future Combat Air System (FCAS) with a mix of crewed, uncrewed, and increasingly autonomous platforms" and that "to assure the future of UK combat air, investment in ACPs should be considered alongside investment in FCAS and the Global Combat Air Programme. The ACPs must be designed to operate in collaboration with the fourth-, fifth- and future generations of combat aircraft and to operate from the UK aircraft carriers".

Total value (estimated)

- £20,000,000 excluding VAT
- £24,000,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 29 April 2027 to 29 April 2029
- 2 years, 1 day

Main category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 34711200 - Non-piloted aircraft

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

27 April 2026

Procedure

Above or below total value threshold

Above or equal to threshold

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government