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Tender

Project Corvus - Army Land Tactical Deep Find

Defence Equipment and Support

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05034c ([view related notices](#))

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Scope

Reference

Project Reference

Description

Project Corvus - 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:

Extension of support arrangements for a further period

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Additional equipment and/or additional years' support; procurement and/or capability enhancement through spiral development

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 35613000 - Unmanned aerial vehicles

Submission

Enquiry deadline

18 August 2025, 5:00pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

29 August 2025, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

31 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
To be determined - percentage weighting to be defined.	To be determined	Cost	100%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Defence and security

Competitive flexible procedure description

The Project Corvus Competitive Flexible procurement will include a Participation Phase, with a Procurement Specific Questionnaire (PSQ) being released concurrently with this advert via the AWARD link as advertised below. The PSQ purpose is to identify potential tenderers who can Participate in the competition, and also to provide and gather further information from the market. Responses to questions asked will be assessed by the Authority, therefore potential PSQ responses will need to include as much evidence as possible (within the word limits stated) to provide a level of confidence to enable Authority

decisions on Participation, including any Authority decision not to invite tenderers to Participate and submit tender proposals.

The PSQ participation period shall commence from issue of this Tender Notice and the PSQ (both being released concurrently) to the Participation end date stated in this notice which is 29 August 2025. Potential tenderers wishing to participate in Corvus should submit their PSQ responses by this date in order to proceed to the next stage of the Corvus competition. Any PSQ responses not received by the deadline will not be assessed, and as such will NOT be invited to tender. The Authority reserves the right to not invite Tenders from suppliers who have been judged by the Authority to have FAILED the PSQ.

The Authority will accept clarification questions (from the date the feature is available in AWARD), until the 18th August 2025. The Authority will seek to reply to any clarification questions no later than 15:00 on Friday 22nd August 2025.

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

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

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

STEP 2 PME QUESTIONNAIRE EVALUATION AND RESPONSES (COMPLETE)

STEP 3 PME NOTICE 2 (COMPLETE)

STEP 3A PLANNED PROCUREMENT NOTICE (COMPLETE)

STEP 4 TENDER NOTICE AND PROCUREMENT SPECIFIC QUESTIONNAIRE (PSQ)

STEP 5 PSQ RESPONSES ASSESSMENT AND MODERATION

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

STEP 7 INVITATION TO TENDER (ITT) RELEASE

STEP 8 ITT CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS OPEN (ICQ)

STEP 9 POTENTIAL VIRTUAL BIDDERS CONFERENCE

STEP 10 FINAL ICQ RESPONSES ISSUED BY AUTHORITY

STEP 11 TENDERS SUBMITTED

STEP 12 AUTHORITY CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS (ACQ)

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

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

STEP 15 FULL TENDER ASSESSMENT AND ACQ FREEZE

STEP 16 IDENTIFY PREFERRED SUPPLIER

STEP 17 CONTRACT AWARD AND STANDSTILL

Documents

Documents to be provided after the tender notice

PSQ, ITT and associated documentation, including requirements, to be issued via the AWARD tool

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