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Pipeline

715112450 - Ballistic Testing Services - Personal Armour - Pipeline Notice

Defence Equipment and Support

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Scope

Description

The UK Ministry of Defence (MOD) requires access to Ballistic Testing Services to support new to service projects and ensure through life support of Personal Armour provided to its Armed Forces Personnel.

The MOD requires laboratories to be UKAS accredited to ISO 17025, including NATO AEP 2920.

The MOD intends to run a competition to award a contract for Ballistic Testing Services. The contract will have a headroom of £10m (Inc VAT) and will be for 5 years with 3 x 1 optional years. Testing will be carried out throughout the length of the contract as and when it is required.

The MOD are proposing that for the purposes of Ballistic Testing Services the contractor will need to have a UK located facility.

Please note that the publication date of the UK 4 Tender Notice and Contract start date are an estimate and is still subject to change.

Total value (estimated)

- £8,333,333 excluding VAT
- £10,000,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 January 2026 to 2 January 2034
- 8 years, 1 day

Main category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73431000 - Test and evaluation of security equipment
- 73111000 - Research laboratory services
- 38970000 - Research, testing and scientific technical simulator
- 44431000 - Cover plates
- 35815100 - Bullet-proof vests
- 73432000 - Test and evaluation of firearms and ammunition

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

15 September 2025

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Defence and security

Above or below total value threshold

Above or equal to threshold

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