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Award

GSS2533 - UKSAC25_0034 - The Provision of Optical Delivery Partner

UKSA

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Scope

Reference

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Description

We are looking for a technical delivery partner with a demonstrable background in delivering high quality remote optical tracking stations designed for autonomous satellite monitoring across all orbital regimes including Low Earth Orbit (LEO) and Geostationary Orbit (GEO). Whilst not critical, it would be advantageous if the system would be capable of performing occasional astrophotography (for outreach) and Near-Earth Asteroid tracking missions.

The delivery partner will be responsible for the rollout of an optical tracking station network. This is currently expected to span 5 locations herein referred to as "sites".

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Supplier

- Slingshort Aerospace Limited

Contract value

- £3,322,451 excluding VAT
- £3,986,941.20 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

12 August 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

12 August 2025

Standstill period

- End: 21 August 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

26 August 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 31 March 2028
- 2 years, 7 months

Description of possible extension:

FY 25/26 - maximum value shall not exceed £1,750,000.00 excluding VAT. This shall cover the complete UK test site and additionally the hardware for FY 25/26 deployments (excl. domes) - please refer to Section 4 for further detail.

FY 26/27 - maximum value shall not exceed £1,800,000 excluding VAT. This shall cover the deployment of two overseas sites.

FY 27/28 - maximum value shall not exceed £2,700,000.00 excluding VAT. This shall cover the deployment of two overseas sites.

FY 28/29 - UKSA reserves the right to execute an optional extension into FY 28/29, should this be required by delays or risks materialising in preceding years or in response to operational needs, subject to budget availability.

FY 29/30 - UKSA reserves the right to execute an optional extension into FY 28/29, should this be required by delays or risks materialising in preceding years or in response to operational needs, subject to budget availability.

Bidders are advised that there is currently no commitment beyond FY 25/26 as budgets are yet to be confirmed and are subject to approval. This contract is therefore offered on a 3 year basis, with a break clause at 31st March 2026 and 31st March 2027. Should extensions be required, these will be done on a 1+1 basis.

This contract will be broken down into 3 work packages covering FY 25/26, 26/27 and 27/28. Please note that UKSA will require go/no-go decisions before the purchase of hardware which is dependent on siting and planning approvals based on the winning providers solution.

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 30210000 - Data-processing machines (hardware)

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Information about tenders

- 7 tenders received
- 7 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 3 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 6 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

Slingshort Aerospace Limited

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNHT-7545-TCRV

Space Systems Operations Facility

Newquay

TR8 4HP

United Kingdom

Email: sweta.pradeepkumar@slingshotaerospace.co.uk

Region: UKK30 - Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

UKSA

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRTY-4245-MTJY

Harwell Campus, Rutherford Avenue

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United Kingdom

Email: commercial@ukspaceagency.gov.uk

Region: UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

UK Shared Business Services Ltd

Summary of their role in this procurement: Shared Service Provider

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